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WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUED SUCCESSFULLY: SIX THOUSAND ITALIANS NOW CAPTURED

British Action Also In The Sudan Area

A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT IN THE BRITISH OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT YESTERDAY, 2,000 MORE ITALIAN PRISONERS WERE TAKEN MAKING A TOTAL OF 6,000. A QUANTITY OF WAR MATERIAL WAS ALSO CAPTURED.

OPERATIONS ARE ALSO CONTINUING IN THE SUDAN AREA AND YESTERDAY BRITISH FORCES WERE ENGAGED IN MOPPING-UP ENEMY RESISTANCE.

Operations were continued throughout the night. The news of the British successes against the Italians in Egypt has been received with tremendous enthusiasm in Greece, Egypt and throughout the Middle East, states a message from London.

A Greek paper says that from the bottom of their hearts the Greeks desire their gallant British allies to teach the Italians a good lesson.

PROPOSALS FOR INSURANCE AGAINST WAR DAMAGE: 3 SCHEMES IN NEW GOVT. BILL

LONDON, DEC. 11 (BWS)—DETAILS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATION ON PROPOSALS FOR INSURANCE AGAINST WAR DAMAGE ARE ISSUED.

The Bill comprises three schemes. Firstly, a compulsory contributory scheme for compensation for damage to buildings and other immovable property. Secondly, a compulsory scheme for the insurance for all movable assets of business undertakings, such as plant and machinery and office and shop equipment. Thirdly, a voluntary scheme for the insurance of all personal chattels, such as furniture.

In the case of buildings and immovable property the compulsory contribution will be equal to 2s in £1 on the rateable value of the property each year over a period of five years.

For agricultural property and land used for recreational purposes, the rate is 8d in £1. In the case of movable assets of business undertakings, the premium is 30s per cent. for a period from Sept. 3, 1939, to the end of Sept. 1941. In the case of business, other than agricultural, the scheme requires an insurance of all assets exceeding £1,000.

Under the compulsory scheme, a provision is made for compensation, respecting possible war damage for many million value, the buildings alone being variously estimated at between £6,000,000,000 and £8,000,000,000.

Reuter adds that the maximum amount on which any one person may insure is £1,500, with an additional £500 for motorcars.

Compensation will be paid for past damage, while the existing scheme of free grants for persons of limited income, who lost their possessions owing to enemy action, will continue.

TERRORISM FLARES UP IN HANKOW

MARTIAL LAW IN WHOLE AREA

HANKOW, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Terrorism flared up again yesterday morning when only four days after the shooting of Mr. Hsien Dau-tse, political adviser to the Hupoh provincial government, another attempted assassination of a prominent Chinese businessman took place.

Mr. Yang Ewei-ting, former head of the Social Affairs Bureau of the Hupoh provincial government, was shot three times by Chinese gunmen in the middle of the Sino-Japanese business district.

Mr. Yang was not killed. The gunmen made good their escape.

The Japanese authorities have declared martial law in the whole area and carried out exhaustive searches.

Their success has assured the Greeks of victory.

The latest reports received of the fighting in the Western Desert state that the operations are still continuing.

The measure of the support given to the British land forces by the R.A.F. is shown by the report that 18 Italian planes were shot down in addition to four others, which were probably destroyed. The British lost three planes, but two of the pilots are safe.

A British military spokesman emphasised that the present operations were only in the preliminary stage and added that the vast area involved in the operations had to be kept in mind.

There was no question, he said of breaking through the Italian lines because there were no Italian lines in the accepted sense of the word.

A Rome communique yesterday for the first time admitted that Italian troops, overcome by superior numbers, had to fall back on Sidi Barrani. These troops were stated to be Libyan, who, the report added, resisted gallantly until they were overcome.

A report from Aden states that it is believed there that the Royal Air Force bombed and damaged the railway from Addis Ababa to Djibouti. The station buildings were reported to have been damaged as well as the tracks. Bombs were also dropped on the Red Sea port of Assab.

NO FRESH NEWS
LONDON, Dec. 11 (BWS)—Pending the issue of a further communique in Cairo, there is no fresh news in London of the operations in the Western Desert.

In the meantime warning is given by military experts here against translating the conceptions of warfare on the organised fronts as in Europe to the very different conditions of the desert areas, where there are not "lines" in the ordinary sense.

The whole front is fluid and under such conditions, the cutting off or surrounding of enemy concentrations does not follow inevitably from out-flanking movements and, therefore, reports originating in considerations of the different kind of warfare required, are to be accepted with special reserve.

While awaiting further news, official quarters in London are content to stress Mr. Churchill's statement yesterday that "it is too soon to attempt to forecast either the scope or result of the considerable operations which are in progress, but we can at any rate say that the preliminary phase has been successful."

CSAKY IN BELGRADE

BERLIN, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Csaky, arrived in Belgrade this morning on a two days official visit.

40 Rice Merchants Summoned

It was learned from an official source yesterday that the Police intended to pursue strong action to enforce the measures taken by Government to restrict the prices of rice.

Forty summonses, the Hongkong Daily Press was officially informed, had been served up to yesterday on rice merchants in various parts of the Colony for selling in excess of the prices authorised by the Government.

Rumours current yesterday that over 20 merchants of the Nam Pak had been arrested for exporting rice out of the Colony under forged permits were discounted by the Police when approached by a representative of the Daily Press yesterday afternoon.

Asked further in regard to the possibility of exporting rice under forged permits, it was informed that the matter was under investigation and that no information could be given at this stage.

RAILWAY JUNCTIONS BOMBED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Railway junctions, power stations, aerodromes and inland docks were among the targets in Western Germany and occupied territory bombed by the R.A.F. last night, states an Air Ministry communique.

Docks at the invasion ports along the Channel were also attacked. These raids were made although weather conditions were very much unfavourable for bomber operations.

Two aircraft are missing.

TOKYO, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The first Spanish ship to arrive in Japan since the Spanish Civil War entered the port of Yokohama on Monday morning from New York. She is the Monte Ota, 8,000 tons, and left Spain on Sept. 4. She has already left Yokohama for Kobe but her next port of call is reported to be unknown.

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International Air Police Force Urged

Herr Hitler's speech on Germany's war aims was followed yesterday by the British viewpoint, states a London message.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, declared in the House of Commons that nations must be ready to sacrifice much of their independent life and work together.

It was not enough to abolish war. There must be a basis for freedom of thought and work.

Mr. Morrison proposed that there should be an international air police force which will make it impossible for bomber forces to terrorise a country.

WARNING SOUNDED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Unless this war ends with a preponderance of military striking power in the hands of the democracies, Europe can look forward to no constructive period of transition from war to a better permanent peace.

This warning was given by Mr. Morrison in an address in London to the National Defence Public Interest Committee. Mr. Morrison added that Herr Hitler's new European order was a vast military monopoly and his organisation was the organisation of slave plantations. "Our own courage and strength are all that will prevent this brutal, inhuman, degrading reality for generations."

"We must look forward to the society that is rid of twin pests of extreme riches and extreme poverty—a society which freely accepts the maintenance of a reasonable standard of health, comfort, security and education for everyone."

Sai Wan Ho Murder

An armed attack occurred at the Sai Wan Ho Market about 7 p.m. yesterday when a Chinese was killed and another injured.

The deceased was Wong Ming, 40, while the wounded was a 57-year-old, coolie, Kong Ting.

A Police report stated that two unknown Chinese, after wounding the victims with knives made good their escape.

Robbery was not suspected.

£10 MILLION LOAN OF GREAT VALUE TO THE CHUNGKING GOVT.

Announcement Equally Well Received In U.S.

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The announcement that the British Government has agreed in principle to give financial assistance to the Chinese Government will be well received in this country, the Dominions and equally in the United States, says THE TIMES in a leader.

For obvious reasons, this country cannot assist China on so generous a scale as last week's American advance, but the advance of £10,000,000 will be a great value to the Chungking Government, both for what credits can buy and as a sign of British goodwill.

The reopening of the Burma Road has strengthened the position of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's administration and which has been further improved by the Japanese evacuation in large tracts in South China.

British and American financial assistance will strengthen it still more and it is quite clear that Wang Ching-wei's puppet Government in Nanking is not and can never be the rival for the allegiance of the great mass of Chinese, who are well aware even if the Japanese were to cut their loss and evacuate the Yangtze.

JAPANESE FAULT

These credits to China will doubtless cause heart-burning in Japan. We may regret it, but the fault lies with the Japanese Government and they should remember the British Government concluded a highly unpopular agreement with them for the closing of the Burma Road, in the hope that within the stipulated three months, Japan and China might reach an understanding.

The Japanese contribution to the desired agreement was confined to the conclusion of the treaty with the client state of Nanking which irritated the Chinese Government and impressed no one else.

Apart from this episode, British goodwill was repaid by the persecution of British subjects in Japan, by the campaign of insult and calumny in part of the Japanese Press and finally by the admission of Japan to the Berlin-Rome Axis.

King Decorates Fighter Group Commander

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—An Air Vice-Marshal, who for the past seven and a half months has flown his own Hurricane, was invested by the King yesterday with the insignia of the Order of the Bath.

He is AIR VICE-MARSHAL K. R. PARK, commander of a Fighter group immediately responsible for the protection of London and South-East England.

During the evacuation of Dunkirk, Air Vice-Marshal Park flew to see how he could assist and it was largely his action which enabled the Fighter Command to break up so many bomber formations before they reached Dunkirk.

When the evacuation was completed, his Hurricane was the last British fighter to patrol during the evacuation of Cherbourg.

On one occasion he was forced down by a British pilot who suspected his Hurricane might be one the Germans had captured and put into the air for reconnaissance.

Reasons Why Britain Cannot Permit Passage Of Food Through Blockade To German-Dominated Europe

LONDON, Dec. 11 (British Wireless)—The British Ambassador to the United States has issued a statement there explaining the reasons why Britain cannot permit the passage of food through the blockade to German-dominated Europe in accordance with ex-President Hoover's plan.

Under the present conditions, Lord Lothian said, such a scheme would materially assist Germany's war effort and would thereby postpone the liberation of these people from German subjugation.

Lord Lothian states that he had informed the British Government fully of Mr. Hoover's plan, which had been sympathetically considered, but because it would aid Germany, it had been rejected. The risk of a European starvation, he said, had been exaggerated. Any food shortage would be due entirely to German action.

The resources of the invaded nations bordering on the Atlantic and the North Sea were being harassed to the German war machine. The Germans, however, would not allow starvation to seriously disorganise social and economic structures upon which an important part of their war effort depended.

NO OPTION
The statement adds: "His Majesty's Government was unable to discover any scheme of distribution which, in the light of the Nazi record, could provide a guarantee against strengthening the German war potential. They feel, therefore, they had no option but to stand by the decision announced by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on Aug. 20, that they will not agree to the lifting of the blockade on any country as long as that domination continues."

Tai Sha Po Robbery

Three men, armed with chopsticks, entered a hut at Tai Sha Po Village and wounded the three occupants about 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

The wounded were Chu Hing, 31, married woman; Chu On, 69, farmer; and Yu Hui-wan, 68, married woman.

According to a Police report the robbers broke into the hut and stole about \$8. Attempting to raise an alarm, the three occupants were chopped and injured.

The alarm was heard by a passer-by who rushed for assistance and arrested one of the three men. The victims were admitted to hospital but their injuries were not serious.

Today's War Summary

DETAILS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATION on proposals for insurance against war damage are contained in a Bill which comprises three schemes one of which is compulsory contributory compensation for damage to buildings and other immovable property.

BRITISH OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT are continuing successfully but a warning is given by military experts in London against translating conceptions of warfare on organised fronts as in Europe to very different conditions of desert areas where there are not "lines" in the ordinary sense.

THE GREEK OFFENSIVE ACTION CONTINUES WITH SUCCESS on the whole front. Strong ground points were occupied by bayonet charge and the enemy suffered heavy losses. Information available in London military circles fully supports the Greek claims.

REASONS WHY BRITAIN CANNOT PERMIT THE PASSAGE OF FOOD through the blockade to German dominated Europe in accordance with Mr. Hoover's plan are explained in a statement issued by the British Ambassador in Washington, Lord Lothian.

A WARNING THAT UNLESS THIS WAR ENDS WITH A PREPONDERANCE of military striking power in the hands of the democracies Europe can look forward to no constructive period of transition from war to a better and permanent peace was sounded by the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, speaking in London.

ACCORDING TO TRAVELLERS RETURNING TO LONDON from unoccupied France the situation there is very serious. Food rationing in Paris is severe. Large firms and factories have been taken over by the Germans.

In the World of Sports

FORMIDABLE MOHAWK TRIBE UPSET BY CHINESE B.C. IN MOST EXCITING TUSSLE

Ruel Hits Two Homers For Winners: Saints Just Beat Canadians To Head Table

BY R.O.Y.

PROVIDING THE REDEEMING FEATURE OF A POOR PROGRAMME LAST SUNDAY, THE CHINESE BASEBALL CLUB AND THE HONGKONG BASEBALLERS staged the most exciting battle seen on the local diamond in many moons. In upsetting the formidable Mohawk tribe, the Chinese Club showed unexpected power at the plate to take a close 8-7 victory that toppled the league leaders off their lofty perch as St. Joseph's slipped into the driver's seat with a convincing win over the Canadian Chinese aggregation.

Before a comparatively small gallery who apparently expected to see an easy outing for the Hongkong Baseballers, the Chinese drew first blood when Crooner Ruel negotiated the circuit on a drive to right field in the first frame.

In their half of the same stanza, the Mohawks loaded the sacks with one away but were unable to tally as Ed Jones attempted sacrifice forced Joe Reardon at the plate and Frank Crews was tossed out by Ruel.

CHING'S WILD PEG
Wally Ching was responsible for starting the Mohawks off in second session when he unleashed a wild peg over first on Mack Sperry's grounder. Doc Molthen walked and Joe Morris fanned the breeze for the first out.

Lon Leight came to bat and got all of his 200 lbs. into a drive that slapped Tufty Chinn on the eye and out of the game, Sperry crossing the pan. George White took

over the hurling assignment and promptly walked Reardon to loaded the bags, for Doc Molthen to score on Ernie Hearther's long fly to right and Leight to cross the pan on Ruel's wild peg. Ed Jones led to Wilson for the third out with his squad two tallies in front.

CHINESE TIE SCORES
The Chinese knotted the count in the third, Nip Lum reaching first, as Doc Molthen failed to get under his short fly to right, and went all the way to third on Wally Ching's bunt. Crooner Ruel came through with a single to drive in Lum, later which Earl Wong got a free base for catchers interference. Tommy Chan slashed a single to centre for Ruel to score but flashy throwing by Crews and Morris resulted in Nip Lum, running for Wong, being caught of third by Leight.

Crooner Ruel crashed out his second homer in the fifth and the Lumen garnered another three tallies in the sixth through hits by Fisher and Howard Lee aided by Hearther's tumble of Ching's bunt and Mack Sperry's miff of Ruel's high fly to left.

FOUR-RUN RALLY
Nothing daunted, the Mohawks again tied the scores with a four run rally in their half of the sixth. Crews and Sperry both bled to left and advanced on Molthen's fly to Fisher. Joe Morris followed with a drive to right-centre which Willie Wilson snared after Fisher had failed to hold it, Sperry coming home on the play.

Lon Leight poked out the Mohawk's only round-tripper. Joe Reardon singled and pilfered second to score on Hearther's two bagger to left. Pete Fitch walked but Jones lofted to Lee to end the frame.

WINNING RUN
Coming into the seventh, Earl Wong popped to Fitch for the first out, then Tommy Chan clouted the pumpkin through the entrance gate for what turned out to be the winning run. Whit singled but a snappy double killing by Crews and Hearther, on Fisher's fly to right-centre end the Chinese scoring.

In their last chance of pulling the game out of the fire, the Mohawks were held by Wally Ching's inspired fielding of Crews and Sperry's hard-hit grounders.

CLOSE WIN FOR SAINTS
In the only other First Division match, the Canadian Chinese did very well to hold St. Joseph's to a 5-2 margin, both squads managing to score in only one frame.

The winners with singles by Souza and Sonny Cruz and doubles by Hank All and Dave Leonard counted all of their runs in the second. Bill Ing paced the batters with two bingles in three trips to the plate although Ross Mark was credited with the only Canuck run driven in.

LADIES' MATCHES
The Ladies' matches were hopelessly one-sided, the Wildcats winning by 29 tallies to 3, after garnering 20 countlers in the first frame and bunting to the pitcher for the rest of the game. Chung Hwa were the victims and committed seventeen errors to prolong the clash. Thelma Colloco, incidentally, held the Chung Hwa lassies' hitless for the five frames that were played.

The Little Flower Club hit a new high in errors committed when they bobbled 25 chances to give the Cardinals a 42-4 victory.

ARTEMIS WINS

Sweepstake Race Results

The Sweepstake race of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday resulted in a win for Artemis (Mr. H. W. Browne).

Finished	Corr.	Pos.
Artemis	18.44.18	1
(Mr. H. W. Browne)		
Alla	18.45.53	2
(Lt. J. Wedderburn)		
Gail	18.45.18	3
(Capt. A. G. O. Mills)		
Maurpen	18.45.27	4
(Mr. J. Gifford-Bull)		
Isobel	18.47.32	5
(Major C. Temple)		
Koala	18.48.44	6
(Mr. M. Johnson)		
Petrel	18.48.45	7
(Mr. W. H. E. Coates)		
Wildgeon	18.52.36	8
(Major J. H. Brown)		
La Linda and True Blue—D.N.F.		

Strangely enough, the longest hit went to Socorro Sequiera of the Florinhas, while Kitty Bush, Naty Falladona, June Hall and Erogenia Babida doubled for the Redbirds.

PROMISING START
The Baby Panthers started off promisingly against the Canuckettes but showed little fight after the first couple of frames to go down to an 11-3 decision. Home runs by Alice Ma, Norma Silva and Ullan Khoo, who also clouted a triple, were responsible for most of the runs tallied.

In the second division, the 8th R.A. provided the best performance by unexpectedly garnering their first points at the expense of the Central Britishers by 7 runs to 6. The Victoria Recreation Club had an easy outing against the Royal Engineers who went down by the wide margin of 18 tallies to 2.

TEXACO TROUNCED
Lacas and Greenspots staged quite a good tussle in the Hong Section, the former just nosing through by 8 markers to 6. Shell trounced Texaco, 20-4, in the battle of the Others, the latter never at any time showing signs of putting up a fight.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

LADIES' LEAGUE	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Canuckettes	8	0	1.000
Wildcats	5	0	1.000
Wahoos	4	2	.667
Baby Panthers	4	3	.571
Cardinals	3	3	.500
Ramblarettes	2	4	.333
Chung Hwa	0	6	.000
Little Flower Club	0	6	.000

FIRST DIVISION	Won	Lost	Pctg.
St. Joseph's	5	1	.833
H.K. Baseballers	5	2	.714
Cyclones	4	2	.667
Chinese B.C.	3	2	.600
Recrelo Aces	2	2	.500
Indians	2	3	.400
Filipinos	1	4	.200
Canucks	0	6	.000

SECOND DIVISION	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Chung Hwa	3	0	1.000
Recrelo Bees	4	1	.800
Cosmopolitan	3	1	.750
Royal Air Force	3	1	.750
Victoria R.C.	2	1	.667
Liga Fortuquosa	2	2	.500
Royal Scots	2	2	.500
South China	1	1	.500
Central British	1	4	.200
8th R.A.	1	5	.167
Royal Engineers	0	4	.000

HONG LEAGUE	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Shell	2	0	1.000
Wayfoons	1	0	1.000
Lacas	1	1	.500
Greenspots	0	1	.000
Cables	0	1	.000
Texaco	0	1	.000

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Texasco	0	1	.00

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VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the training gallops at Happy Valley yesterday morning:

	Dis- tance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
Vixen Tor	1	30.3	1.02.3	1.31		28.2
Australian Prince	1	29.2	59.2	1.29.1		30
Tornado Star	1	30	1.00	1.30.2	2.01	30.5
London & Surprise Again	1	31.3	1.02.2	1.32.2	2.01.2	29
Attacking Time	1	38	1.17	1.53.1	2.26	32.4
Clembor	1	42	1.19.1	1.53.2	2.24.1	30.4
Rising Star	1	35	1.05.4	1.38	2.07.2	29.2
Humdrum Eye	1	33	1.04	1.35.1		31.1
Viceroy	1	37.3	1.11.3	1.44	2.12	28
Cockleol	1	34.1	1.05.2	1.35		29.3
Kentucky	1	37	1.10	1.43.3	2.15.2	31.3
Sunlight View	1	33	1.06.3	1.39.3	2.13.4	34.1
Venus Bay	1	38	1.12	1.43	2.12.3	29.3
Lulliber	1	39	1.13.3	1.44	2.14.2	30.2
Dawn Star	1	38	1.16	1.52.2	2.25	32.3
Sea Urchin	1	28.1	57.3	1.28.2		30.4
Taxing Master	1	47.3	1.24	1.57	2.28.2	31.2
A Great Time	1	40	1.16	1.48.4	2.19	30.1
Cravayad	1	34.3	1.08	1.39.4		31.4
O-Lan	1	33.2	1.04.4	1.35.4		31
Lovely Star	1	36	1.09.3	1.40.3		31
Lancashire Lass	1	31.2	1.02.3	1.34.4	2.08	33.1
Blue Field	1	36	1.10.2	1.42		31.3
Sapper	1	34.2	1.07.4	1.38.3		28.4
Jack O'Lantern	1	40.4	1.19	1.52		33
Eve of Harvest	1	33	1.05.2	1.37	2.09	32
Quick Despatch	1	34	1.06	1.34.4		29.4
Lovely Kid	1	30	1.01.4	1.31.3		29.4

Soccer Shield Draw Made

SING TAO MEET MIDDLESEX

The draw for the Senior and Junior football challenge Shields was made at the H.K.F.A. Council meeting yesterday and resulted as follows:

SENIOR
FIRST ROUND: Sing Tao v. Middlesex; South China v. Club; Kwong Wah v. Kowloon; Combined R.A. v. Eastern. **BYES:** St. Joseph's, Royal Navy, Police and Royal Scots.

JUNIOR
FIRST ROUND: Middlesex v. International; Charity Cup combined R.A.S.C. 36th R.A. v. R.A.O.C.; South China, Eastern, Kwong Wah, R.A.M.C. and Signals.

INTERNATIONAL CUP
The draw for the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup competition is as follows:

Royal Scots v. P.A.S.C.; R.R. v. Scotland v. China (Boundary Kowloon; Kit Choo v. Sing Tao Street) Dec. 25; Portugal v. Eng. "A"; 36th R.A. v. Club; 12th R.A. and (Kowloon F.C.) Dec. 26.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
HOCKEY.—Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 4.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Y.M.C.A. Swimming, 6-11 p.m.

TOMORROW
SWIMMING.—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 6-11 p.m.

Other Hoppers made up to suit Customers' requirements.

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"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches on Saturday afternoon at King's Park:

1st XI v. Punjab:—(4.15) Benwell; Taylor and Yourlett; Jordan, Coombe and Dunne; Gillchrist, Gemmell, Hitchcock, Morgan and McGahan.

2nd XI v. R.A.M.C. (5.00) Highlands; Grant and Ralston; Croft, Tomlinson and Gorman; Pacey, Spence, Sparre, Dorner and Banks.

V.R.C. BADMINTON

In the Handicap Singles badminton tournament of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday evening, A.A. Noronha and A.K. Rumlahn beat N.A. E. Mackay and Dr. G. A. V. Ribeiro to enter the second round.

TWO CHARITY FOOTBALL GAMES DEC. 22

Two charity football matches between teams representing Combined Chinese and Rest of the Colony will be staged on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 2.30 and 4 p.m. The ground to be announced later.

The following have been chosen for the rest:—

2.30 p.m.—Reynold; Roughley (Capt.), Fraser; Maxwell, Farnaby, North, Owens, Pelham, Fox, O'Regan and Bickford; Reserves: Britt, Cook, Barber and Fowler.

4 p.m.—Robinson; Blackburn (Capt.), D. Leonard; Freshwater, Bright, Wilkinson; Phippens, Le Page, Hendy, Howlett and Marathe. Reserves: Honeywell, Saw, A. J. Hussain and D. Blake.

X'MAS AND NEW YEAR HAMPERS.

We beg to notify Customers that Assorted Hampers suitable for the Festive Season may be obtained from us at the following special Rates:—

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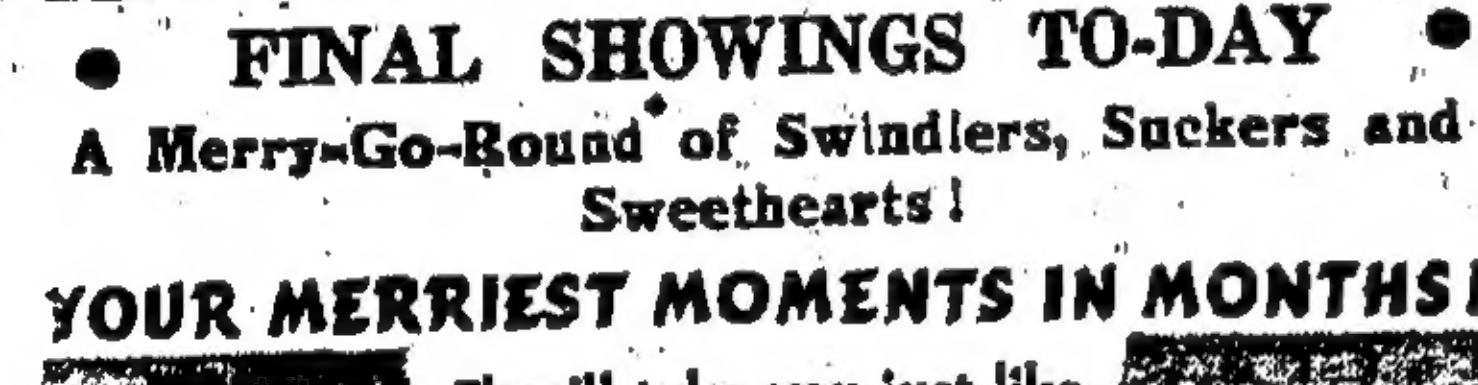
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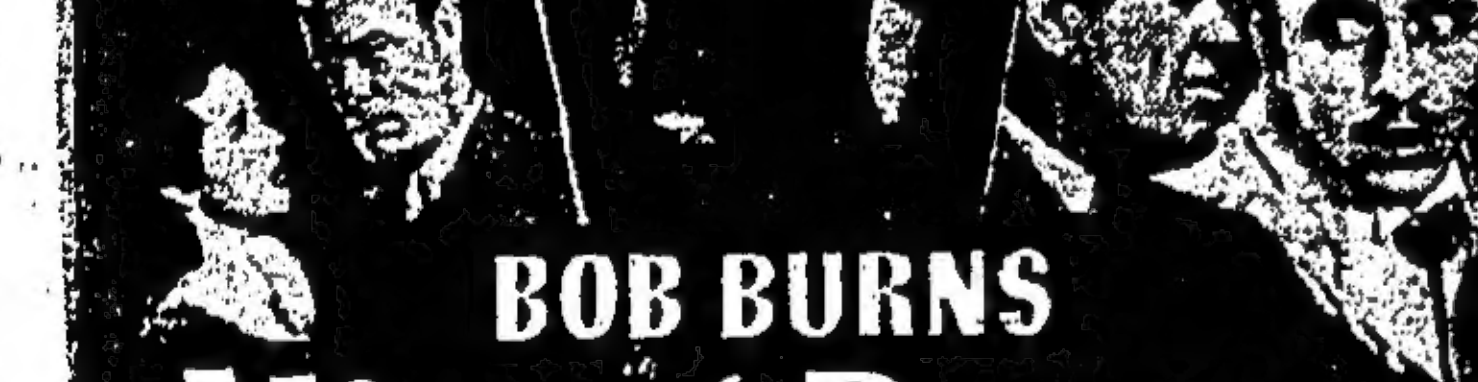
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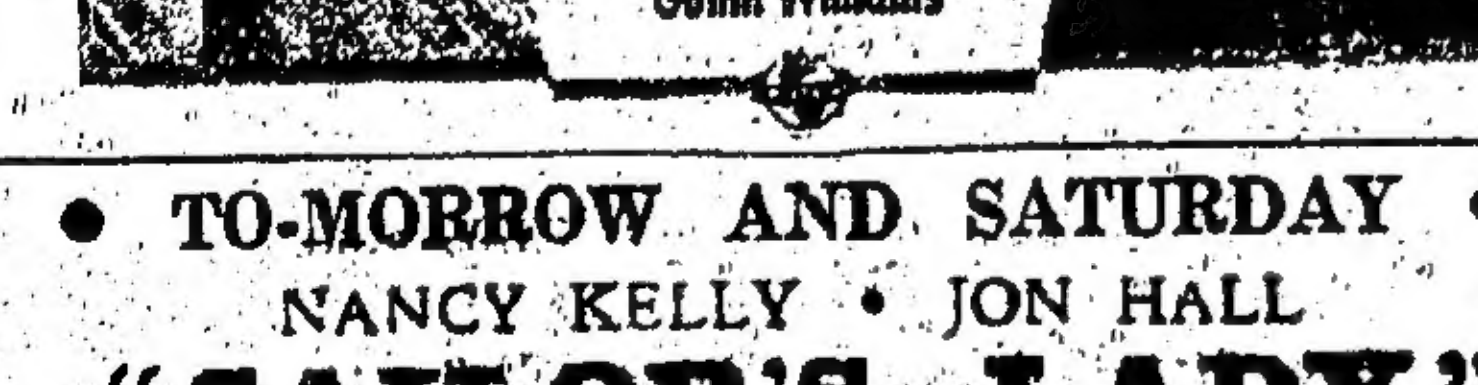
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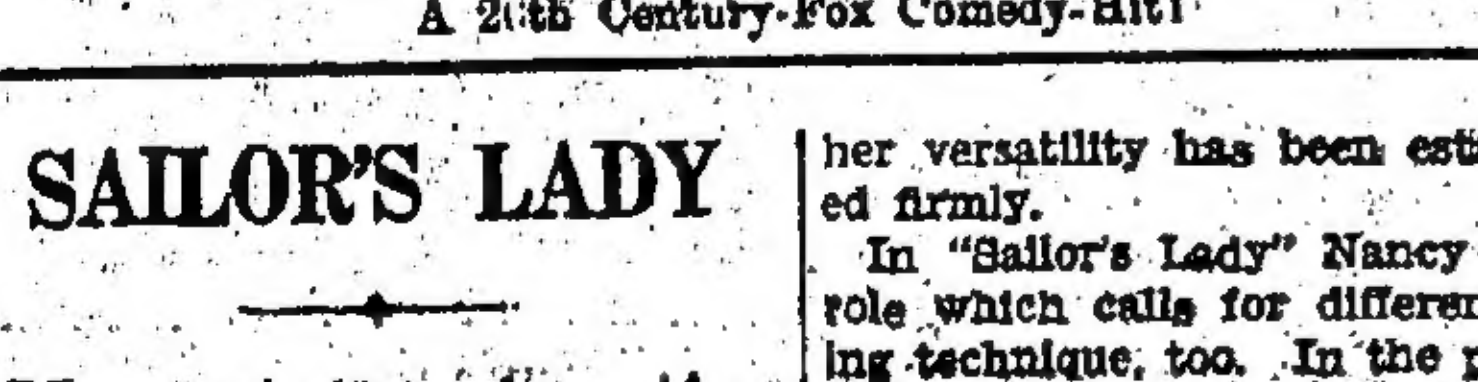
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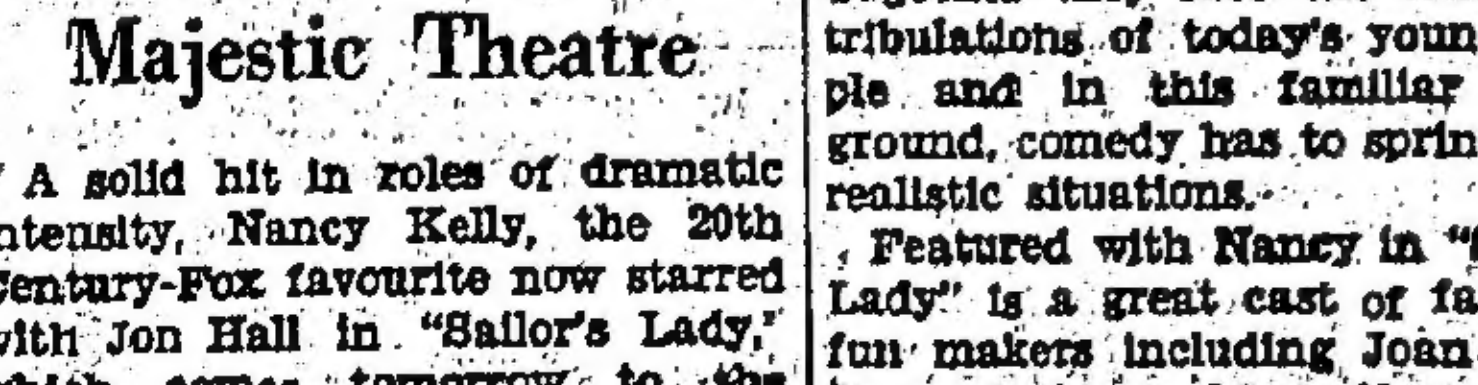
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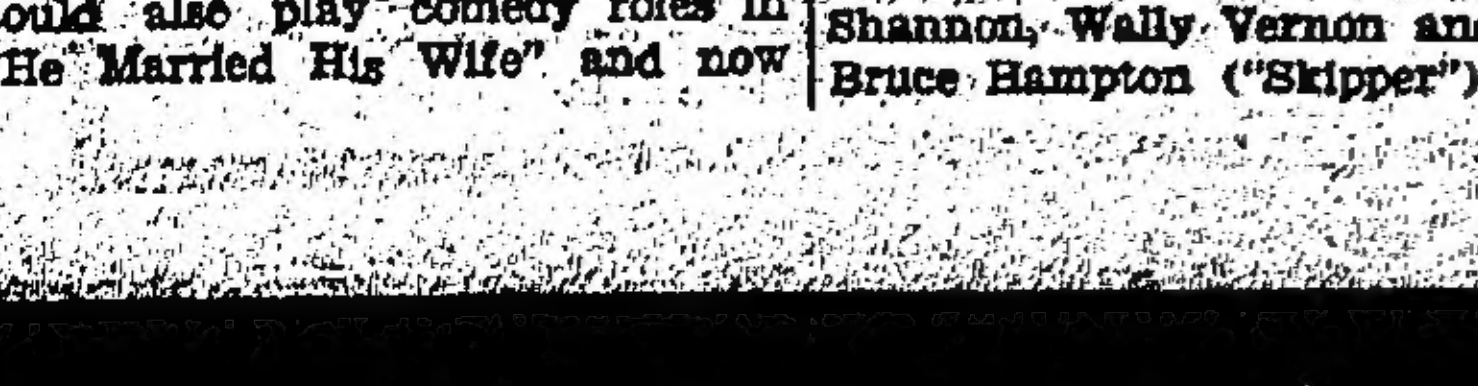
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COMING EVENTS

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Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg. 1 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Li Ying-lam on "A Trip to the North of Kwangtung."

Y.M.C.A.: Squash, 8 p.m.—11 p.m.; Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming.

Compulsory Service Tribunal, Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Advanced Course, Military Hospital, 3 p.m.

AR-China Exhibition of Pictorial Photography, Cafe Wiseman.

Entries Close for Punting Hunt and Race Club's December Meeting, 12 noon.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Senior Championship.

Cheong Club, Bridge and Mahjong, St. Andrew's Working Party (Medical), 10 a.m.

13—Tides: High 8.07 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.45 a.m. and 1.45 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.

Claims against A.B.G. Electric Co., H.K. Telge and Schroeter, H.K., German Leather Trading Co., H.K. (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Criminal Sessions Commence, 10 a.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton and Mixed Swimming.

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Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.

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Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

H.E. the Acting Governor to open new Chinese Baptist Chapel, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Charity Dance at H.K. University, 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Australasian Assn. General Meeting, St. Francis Hotel, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming, Tennis.

15—Tides: High 10.25 a.m. and 9.08 p.m. Low 3.53 a.m. and 2.50 p.m.

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H.K. Golf Championships, semi-finals.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dance Music by Billy Cotton and His Band.

Fox-Trot—The House with the Little Green Tiles; Slow Fox-Trot—Don't Forget the Old Folks at Home; Fox-Trot—Goodnight Angel; Please be Kind; Waltz—If I should fall in Love again; Comedy Fox-Trot—The Jolly Joke Tree; Fox-Trot—By an Old Folks; Novelty Fox-Trot—The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter; Fox-Trot—There's a Lady in Calais.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 Sea Shanties and Songs.

Billy Boy; Johnny Come Down to Rio; I'll Go No More; A Roving; Rio Grande; Jolly Roger; Sailors' Chorus—Portsmouth Royal Naval Singers.

1.12 Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

Royal Cavalcade (Ketebe); Coronation Bells—March (Partridge); Marches—Under the Double Eagle (Wagner); Hands Across the Sea (Sousa); Colonial Medley—Intro; Canada; The Maple Leaf for ever; O Canada; Australia; Advance, Australia; New Zealand; God defend New Zealand; South Africa; Saria Marais.

1.30 Reader & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 The Western Brothers in Variety.

Comedians—We're Frightfully B.C.—The Western Brothers; Piano—My Weakness; Selection; Conversation Piece—Selection—Patricia Rossborough; Comedians—Keeping Up The Old Traditions—Western Bros. Comedienne—The Boarding House (Tarr); My Alf (Tarr-Jenkins)—Susette Tarr; Vocal—Jungle Fever (Diets); Sleepy Head (Kahn)—The Mills Brothers (Four boys and a Guitar).

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2.00 Closing Legal Stock Quotations.

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10.00 London Belay—The News and News Commentary.

10.30 Grams—Quartet in A Minor, Op. 51, No. 2.

1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Andante moderato; 3rd Mov: Quasi menuetto moderato; Allegretto vivace; Finale: Allegro non assai—Lerner String Quartet.

10.50 Schubert—The Shepherd on the Rock, song by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

10.10 Schubert—Symphony No. 9 in C Major.

1st Mov: Andante; Allegro ma non troppo; 2nd Mov: Andante con moto; 3rd Mov: Scherzo (Allegro vivace) & Trio; 4th Mov: Scherzo da Capo; 4th Mov: Finale (Allegro vivace)—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

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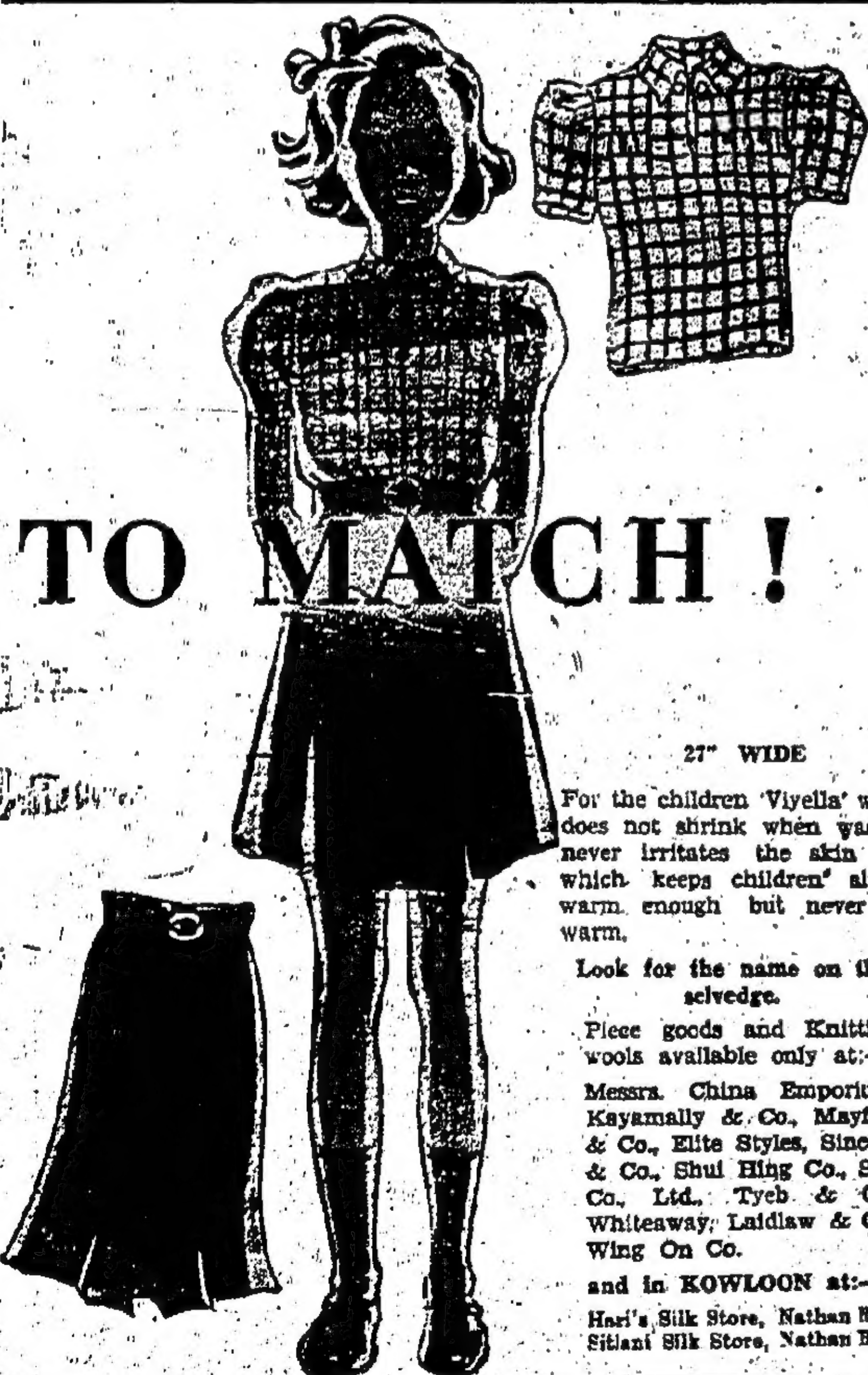
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CARNARVON CASTLE WEIGHS ANCHOR

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Carnarvon Castle sailed at 8.15 p.m. GMT, all repairs having been completed.

Despite the rain a large crowd assembled at the quayside and

SECRET DEBATE

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The House of Commons will hold a secret debate about shipping in the near future.

cheered the British armed cruiser on her departure

TWO ITALIAN DIVISIONS AT SIDI BARRANI CUT OFF BY BRITISH ARMoured UNITS

Offensive Supported By R.A.F.: 22 Enemies Downed

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—BRITISH ARMoured UNITS OPERATING IN THE REAR OF SIDI BARRANI are believed to have cut off part of two Italian divisions. Fighting yesterday continued along a 30-mile front forming the right flank of two enemy divisions occupying the Sidi Barrani area.

During the night of Dec. 8 naval units successfully bombarded Maktila Camp and Sidi Barrani in support of the operations, states a British naval communiqué.

It is stated that the British armoured units gained success within 36 hours of launching their surprise attack at dawn on Monday and they have reached the coast between Sidi Barrani and Bugbug.

British aircraft ceaselessly hammered Italian communications to check reinforcements.

G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE

Operations in the Western Desert are successfully continuing states a G.H.Q. communiqué. Prisoners so far captured are reported to exceed 4,000 and a number of medium tanks.

In the Gallabat area patrolling activity supported by our artillery fire continues.

In their swift thrust to the coast British troops have driven a wedge between the Libyan forces holding Sidi Barrani, and divisions supporting them further west.

The area occupied by the enemy roughly forms an equilateral triangle, the points of which are Sidi Barrani and the Italian camps at Maktila, 15 miles west along the coast, and Nibelwa, 15 miles due south of Sidi Barrani.

NIBELWA CAMP CAPTURED

The Nibelwa camp, was the position captured by the British early on Monday morning when 500 prisoners were taken.

While the Royal Navy bombarded one side of the triangle, armoured units supported by Infantry attacked the other two sides, acting in close co-operation, the R.A.F. ranged continuously over the whole area bombing Italian posts and destroying mechanised transport and breaking up troop formations.

MILITARY COMMENTS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Italian troops in Egypt are occupying an area extending from Sollum to Sidi Barrani bounded on the north by the sea and extending from 20 to 25 miles to the south, it was stated in authoritative military circles in London yesterday.

Inside this quadrilateral, the Italians are holding a number of perimeter camps which are strongly defended and fortified and are provided with anti-tank and A.A. guns.

LIBYAN DIVISIONS

It appears that the British forces have so far attacked two of these camps with considerable success. It cannot at the moment be said for certain that the Italians have been entirely driven out of these camps but what undoubtedly is true is that the British forces are in them or at least part of them.

It is probable that these camps are mainly occupied by native troops. It is known that there are two Libyan divisions in this area and presumably these divisions are being engaged at the moment.

DIFFICULTIES OF CAMPAIGN

The difficulties of such a campaign can readily be imagined. Troops cannot replenish supplies from orchards, grain stores, cattle and waterworks in captured territory, for the desert yields nothing of all these.

Every drop of water and every scrap of food must be carried by the forces on the move.

The problems of desert warfare were well illustrated by the operations undertaken by the Italians when they advanced into Egypt earlier this year.

Well equipped, they were able to advance rapidly as far as Sidi Barrani, but then their momentum was absorbed by the sands of the desert.

R.A.F. SUPPORT

CAIRO, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Detailed reports now received are showing the part played by the R.A.F. in supporting the military offensive in the Western Desert.

On Monday, every enemy aeroplane from Derna to Sidi Barrani was heavily raided by British bombers, causing great damage.

In addition, our fighters and bombers continually attacked enemy troop concentrations and motor transport over the whole operational area.

HEAVY ITALIAN LOSSES

Twenty-two enemy aircraft were reported shot down or destroyed—18 confirmed and four unconfirmed. One squadron accounted for eleven of these, four of which were seen burning on the ground at the same time.

Another fighter squadron caused great damage to enemy communications and inflicted many casualties on enemy personnel by dive machine-gun attacks.

Later reconnaissance flights reported large fires west of Bugbug, and in other roads enemy motor transports were burning on the road, causing dislocation of enemy troop movements.

INTENSIVE OPERATIONS

During these intensive air operations which were continuous from dawn to dusk, only three of our aircraft failed to return to their bases, but of their pilots, two are safe within our own territory.

Many tons of bombs were dropped by British planes, which varied their tactics by diving low and carrying out machine gun attacks on enemy troops. The R.A.F. onslaught in support of the British drive undoubtedly accounts for the absence of Italian raids on Alexandria during the recent moonlight nights.

PERFECT CO-ORDINATION

Evidently the Italians needed every available aircraft to meet the R.A.F. Months of meticulous preparations behind the lines preceded the present action against Graziani's army, the bulk of which appeared to be stationed in the region around Sollum where the frontiers of Egypt and Libya meet.

All branches of British forces in the Middle East, extending 400 miles into the desert from G.H.Q. at Cairo are perfect co-ordinated.

"QUISLINGS" IN BRITAIN

MR. H. MORRISON REPLIES TO COMMONS DEBATE

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Under their powers, the Home Office had not dealt with enemy aliens and other internees improperly or spitefully, declared Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, replying to a debate in the House of Commons.

They had seen what had happened to Holland, Belgium and Norway and "we knew we had our own Quislings in this country ready to play their part."

"The lesson of Nazi Germany is that republican politicians at one time respected very fully those principles which are now urged upon me."

"The result was that Hitler in republican Germany was dealt with under a very gentle law. He was put into prison but was given the right of access to certain persons and in two months he was out."

SECURITY OF STATE

"If I had been running the German government at that time he would never have got out, and would never have survived."

"He is an enemy of the State and ought to be shot—and that would have been a very fine thing for Germany and the world. If I have to take any action in the defence of security I shall take it. The security of the State in time of war comes before anything."

CHANNEL HAZE GLOWED RED

Great Fires Raging In Calais

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Fires started by the R.A.F. at the French invasion ports on Monday night were still blazing fiercely yesterday.

In the morning the haze over mid-Channel glowed red but later when the day was slightly older great flames and columns of smoke rising from the French coast made a spectacular sight.

The fires appeared to be worse in and around Calais.

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Chinese Actress Victim Of Own Alleged Plot To Swindle: Kowloon Case

How a Chinese movie actress CHAN SIN-YU, was alleged to have been involved in plotting a swindle to defraud a man and eventually herself was the victim of the plot was related before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfarlane yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy when KWOK YUK-PING, 26, married woman, and YUEN YU-CHUNG, 25, were charged with conspiracy to defraud the actress of \$1,000.

Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, who conducted the prosecution, said that the actress was a friend of the first defendant about 10 years ago and they had not met in the past seven years. At the beginning of this year she met the first accused in Kowloon City and they exchanged addresses.

Sometime later the first defendant called on the complainant and told her that a friend of her cousin's wanted to open a movie studio in Singapore. The man was wealthy and all he needed was a good staff. She tried to convince the actress to join the studio, but the complainant told her that there was no sense in establishing a studio in Singapore as there was one for sale in Kowloon City and she promised good profit to open a studio in Hongkong.

DECISION REACHED

After a series of conferences between the wealthy man, the actress, first defendant and distant relatives of the first accused they decided to buy over the studio in Kowloon City.

At another meeting, the actress was told that the wealthy man intended to buy a house and that he had already found one at No. 8, Arran Street for him. She was also informed that the owner of the house agreed to sell it at \$18,000 and that they could sell it for \$20,000 to the wealthy man.

The first defendant requested the actress to pay \$2,000 deposit on the house and when it was transferred to him they would get the profit which would be shared between them; the actress collecting 40 per cent. To this the actress agreed. The next day the wealthy man agreed to buy the house at \$25,000 and promised to meet them later.

Soon after the meeting, the first defendant informed the actress that the wealthy individual had lost money in gambling and that he no longer wanted to buy the house. But as he loved to gamble there was still another way to make money from him.

They were alleged to have agreed to swindle him by inviting him to gamble. The alleged plot was that the actress should be the banker, and in the game she would put her fingers on top of the cover, under which there were beans for the gamblers to guess, to indicate the number of beans.

\$100,000 LOST

The plan was carried out successfully at the beginning when the wealthy man lost about \$100,000 in only nine games. However, in the tenth game he recovered all his losses, won \$1,000 from the actress, and went away.

The actress left realizing that she was the victim of the plot of her own making.

Later she had the first defendant arrested. In the Police Station the first defendant alleged that the second accused had planned the plot and as a result the latter was arrested.

After evidence given by Hong Sau-yuen, representing the owner of the house at No. 8, Arran Street, who said that the house was not on sale and as a matter of fact the owner had been prohibited by his father to sell the house, the hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

Retail And Wholesale Rice Prices

The maximum retail and wholesale prices of rice are contained in an order made by Mr. G. B. Kennedy-Skipton, Controller of Food, in the Government Gazette Extraordinary published yesterday. The prices are as follows:—

	Retail	Wholesale
Grade No. 1	15 cts. p. cty.	\$14.40
Grade No. 2	15 cts. p. cty.	\$13.60
Grade No. 3	14 cts. p. cty.	\$13.00
Grade Broken, large No. 1	12 cts. p. cty.	\$11.40
Grade Broken, large No. 2	12 cts. p. cty.	\$11.10
Grade Broken, small No. 1	11 cts. p. cty.	\$10.00
Grade Broken, small No. 2	9 cts. p. cty.	\$8.20

CLIPPER NOT DUE UNTIL SATURDAY

Typhoon weather conditions are continuing to delay the arrival of Pan American Airways Clipper Services.

The California Clipper is not expected to arrive in Hongkong now until Saturday afternoon, and will leave on Sunday morning.

The Philippine Clipper is still scheduled to arrive on Tuesday next, Dec. 17, and to leave the following morning.

PROMISSORY NOTE CASE

JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANT

Judgment for defendant, with costs, was given by Mr. Justice Williams, at the Summary Court yesterday, in the case in which the Nanking Commercial and Savings Bank Ltd., of No. 33, Connaught Road Central, sued Lee Fui-man, of No. 15, Hankow Road, Kowloon, and Lee Wah-san of the Hospital Appliances Co., of Wang Hing Building, for the sum of \$237.18, being principal and interest, at the rate of one per cent. per month, on a Chinese Promissory Note dated June 19, 1939.

Mr. F. H. Losby appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. S. Zimmerman appeared for Lee Wah San.

AS MAKERS

The plaintiffs claimed against the defendants as makers of a Promissory Note for \$500, dated June 19, 1939, payable one month after date with interest at one per cent. per month, less \$40 paid by defendants as interest.

The plaintiffs also claimed interest at the above rate from the date of the writ to the date of payment or judgment, also costs of the action.

Mr. Zimmerman's submission that he had no case to answer in that a guarantor could not be sued as a maker was upheld, after evidence had been given by Lam Kwai Sang, manager of the Trust Department of plaintiff firm, to the effect that the Promissory Note was signed by defendant as guarantor in defendant's office.

A.R.P. ORDERS

DECEMBER 11, 1940

A.R.P. Orders issued by Wing Commander A. H. B. Steele-Perkins, O.B.E., Director of Air Raid Precautions.

SPECIAL ORDER

The Director of Air Raid Precautions regrets to announce the death of Senior Warden 338 Miss Helen Au, of District "D", Central.

INSPECTION OF CORPS

The inspection of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens by R.E. the Acting Governor will take place at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, and not on Sunday, Dec. 22, as previously announced.

DRESS

The ribbons of authorised decorations and medals will be worn by all ranks when in uniform.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

The following Wardens are permitted to resign:—
1118 Siu Hing-pui, Western Division, on leaving the Colony; S/W 2189 J. A. Remedios, Yau-mat, on leaving the Colony; 2497 Ip Ching-kiang, Eastern; 439 W. R. Mansfield, Gough Hill, on leaving the Colony.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Divisional Warden (Field Officer) Western, A. H. Veltman, returned from leave of absence and reported for duty on Dec. 6; Major C. M. Mann, O.B.E., Chief Air Raid Warden for Kowloon, is granted one month's leave as from Dec. 17; 895 Tai Kung, Bay View, is granted one month's leave as from Dec. 1; 372 (T) J. Wan, Central, is granted 3 months' leave as from Dec. 5.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

2270 Ho Bing-lai, Yau-mat, to 1 Central Street, 3rd floor, Western.

APPOINTMENTS

District Warden "C" J. E. Pasco to be Deputy Divisional Warden, Mongkok; Deputy District Warden "C" Shek Yuk-kuen to be District Warden "C", Mongkok; 1719 S/W Fan Oi-man to be Deputy District Warden "C", Mongkok; 1505 R. H. Wild to be Deputy Divisional Warden (acting) Western Division.

PROMOTIONS

The following promotions are notified with effect from Dec. 4.
Shamshupo. To be Senior Wardens—1998 Dep. S/W Ho Kwok-cheung, L.A.R.P.S., and 2077 Wong Yiu-kuen; To be Deputy Senior Warden—1913 Yeung Tso-chou.

Central. To be Acting Group Warden—Deputy Group Warden 148 Chau Luen-poi; To be Senior Wardens—123 Dep. S/W Li Fook-cheung, 148 Lo Tse-ming, Dep. S/W 125 Tip Ching-chuen, 140 Dep. S/W Yuen Hong-chai, 290 Lee Sun; To be Deputy Senior Wardens—116 Chiu Kwan-yuk, 134 Shum Ching-wah, 130 Yuen Kwok-ping. Mongkok. To be Group Wardens—1748 S/W Liu Kwok-hing, 1769 Po Siu-hang, 1780 Yung Cheung-ying; To be Senior Wardens—14 Kwok Kai-him.

TRANSFERS

District Warden "B" Western, Francis Wong, is transferred to District "E" to be District Warden.

TRAINING

Shamshupo—Sound Drill at Police Training School on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m.

Shamshupo—Meeting of District Wardens and their Deputies on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m. at the Yee Kuk Street Dispensary.

INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES

Telephoneist, Class E, 35—A course of lectures under Mrs. H. Huketeon.

DEFRAUDING H.K. TELEPHONE COMPANY

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Unfortunately, one would-be subscriber, becoming impatient of waiting, went to the Telephone Company and it was then revealed that the deposit which was given by the man was a forgery. As the result of investigations by the Police the man was arrested and charged.

Before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, MAK PUT-HENG, 25, unemployed, pleaded guilty to charges of uttering forged documents purporting to be deposit receipts of the H.K. Telephone Co.; demanding \$100 from Lau Hal-hing by virtue of a forged receipt; and possession of 14 forged receipts of the H.K. Telephone Company.

Sui Wai-shing, 23, unemployed, charged with aiding and abetting first defendant, was discharged on the Police offering no evidence against him.

Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau represented both defendants.

FORMER SALESMAN

Det. Sub-Inspr. J. O'Donovan, prosecuting, said that defendant had previously worked as a newspaper salesman in the Wah Kiu Yat Po. He added that he had been instructed to ask his Worship to take a serious view of the case.

Mr. Lau asked the Magistrate to take a more lenient and merciful view. He said that it was defendant's first offence and that his client was not the instigator.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

YING WAH ALUMNI MEETING

The initial ceremony of the newly organised Ying Wah Old Boys' Association took place in the form of a reunion dinner at the On Lok Yuen, Des Voeux Road, yesterday evening.

About 50 alumni attended the function at which Mr. Peter Wong was chairman. The guests of the evening were Rev. H. Noble, Headmaster of Ying Wah College, Rev. F. Short, Rev. Cheng Chung-ling, Rev. H. R. Wells, Mr. Kwan Chi-woh (all members of the School Board), Mr. Yung Kai-yin and Mr. Chow Ting-kit (teachers of the College).

and Mr. B. Williams, L.A.G.L., will be held at A.R.P. Headquarters every Wednesday and Friday, at 5.45 p.m. commencing on Wednesday, Dec. 18. It is regretted that only those Candidates who have been advised direct can be accommodated in this class. Other candidates will be notified as soon as another class is arranged.

Wardens Classes (in Chinese) Syllabus "A"
—C73 Ellis Kadoorie School, Hospital Road. Tues, Thurs and Sat, at 6 p.m. commencing on Dec. 14. Lecturer—Mr. Lau Yau-chi, L.A.R.P.S.
—C274 Yau-mat Government School, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. commencing on Dec. 16. Lecturer—Mr. Choi Chung-shun, L.A.R.P.S.
—C275 A.R.P. School, Happy Valley. Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. commencing on Dec. 17. Lecturer—Mr. Kwong Heung-wing, L.A.R.P.S.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

At an examination held recently, the following qualified as Wardens but are not available for A.R.P. Service.

Miss Liu O-yen, Miss Lee Yuk-ying, Chan Kuen-fun, Miss Fok Yuen-wah, Tsui Shing-wan, Woo Yuk-lap, Yeung Yee-kam, Mrs. M. Macleachlan, Woo Chung, Miss Lo Luen-oi, Chan Yuk-lun, Tang Ping-chau, Miss Wong Wal-see, Miss Chan Wai-ling, Ma Chung-wo, Miss Yan Po-yuk, Miss Lau Chi-fai, Miss Lau Shook-han, Cheng Yik-pang, Yeung Yee-kam.

The following have qualified as House Wardens:
Chow Chai-man, Cheng Tin-shui, Leung Cheuk-ang, Ip Hui-chung, Cheung Chung-ye.

The following have passed the A.R.P. Telephoneist Course but are not available for A.R.P. Service.

Miss N. Bux, Miss M. Connolly, Sahmet Ghafour, Miss D. Lee, Miss H. Salish, M. A. Wahab.

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Governor At Photographic Exhibition

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, paid a visit to the second All-China Exhibition of Pictorial Photography, held under the auspices of the Photographic Society of Hongkong, in the Peacock Lounge, first floor, Exchange Building, yesterday at 4 p.m.

His Excellency made the round of inspection twice.

Of the 100 photographs on display, Gen. Norton was most interested in the following prints: "From the Garden" by Francis Wu, A.R.P.S., "Evening in Shankwan" by Lam Cho-chik, "A Misty Day" by Lo Tak-cho, and "Dawn" by Walter C. Clark, A.R.P.S.

It is understood that copies of the aforementioned prints will be presented to His Excellency by the Society.

Refugees In The Colony

An increase of 79 in the number of refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government Camps, etc., in urban and rural areas is recorded for the week ended Dec. 7.

Urban Areas (Civilians): King's Park—1,211 against 1,277 on Nov. 30.

Ma Tau Chung—1,159 against 1,102 on Nov. 30.

North Point—1,405 against 1,388 on Nov. 30.

Morrison Hill—538 against 538 on Nov. 30.

Urban Areas (Soldiers): In Hospital—20 against 14 on Nov. 30.

Argyle Street—701 against 707 on Nov. 30.

Urban Areas (Squatters' Camps): Tai Hang—2,557 against 2,557 on Nov. 30.

Ngan Tau Kok—785 against 785 on Nov. 30.

Rural Areas: Kam Tin—1,787 against 1,811 on Nov. 30.

Fanling Children's Camp—283 against 300 on Nov. 30.

Total—10,566 against 10,487 on Nov. 30.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2833	Junction of Tin Chau St. and Cheung Sha Wan.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	4,000	56	2,448
			As per sale plan	About 4,000	56	2,448

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Rural Building Lot No. 410	Opp. the Blind House, Pokfulam Rd. & South West of Rural Building Lot No. 394.	ft. ft. ft. ft.	10,000	172	8,000
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RICE—SUPPLY AND DEMAND

THE COMPREHENSIVE information which a member of the Daily Press staff was able to obtain on the rice position in the Colony has helped the public to understand why the Government's control scheme is inadequate to relieve the distress which has been caused by the rising prices of this staple commodity. At the same time, the Government has been given constructive suggestions for dealing with the question from several new aspects which do not appear to have been taken into consideration when price control was decided as the best means of solving the problem. The consensus of opinion obtained from those with long experience in the rice trade—and no one is better qualified to show where the Government has erred on a subject of this nature—points to the fact that control as outlined by the Government can never eliminate the evils of profiteering. As one informant remarked, there is more than one way of skinning a cat and so it is with those who are out to defeat the main objects of official intervention.

THE POSITION of making supplies of rice available to a large section of the population which depends on this commodity for their subsistence boils down to a question of supply and demand. The demand for rice in the Colony has not increased over what it has been for the past two years. The means of supply have, therefore, become faulty—not because there are no stocks in the Colony or because further imports are not available, but because those who have hoarded stocks have taken advantage of the delay in bringing new supplies into Hongkong, to hang on to what they have and letting it dribble on to the market at bigger profits to themselves. The fixing of prices will not bring these stocks into the

ONE KILLED: 14 INJURED: WEEKLY ROAD TOLL

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1940, there were altogether 81 traffic accidents as the result of which 1 person was killed and 14 persons were injured.

The person killed, a Chinese female, age 23, was knocked down and killed by a bus while crossing the carriageway. Of persons injured, 6 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while crossing the carriageway. Of 81 accidents, 46 were collisions between vehicles; 20 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

open market. The only alternative left to the Government must be to either acquire these stocks or buy them up in the market and release them to the public at fair and equitable prices. Other governments have tried it with success and there is no reason why it should not be done in Hongkong.

HITLER'S SPEECH

THE FACT that the "jungle noises" which usually follow Herr Hitler's declarations were strangely unenthusiastic when he spoke to munition workers in Western Germany on Tuesday shows in what sort of a mood his listeners heard their Fuehrer's apology for not having been able to fulfil the bombastic promises he had made to them from the time of bringing England to her knees and giving Germany world domination. True his words were punctuated with his usual vehement outbursts—all of them directed this time against Britain—but they did not carry the conviction he tried to infuse into his speech. His words were more in the nature of an exhortation to the people and to his workers—an appeal to them to throw aside the doubts which have been steadily seeping into their minds and to carry on their work under the intolerable conditions which he has forced them into as otherwise Germany would be beaten and "if Germany loses this fight, it will be the end." (Sic!)

IT IS SIGNIFICANT that at last Herr Hitler has recognised this is the end of German tyranny if his present campaign fails—as it must fail. For the past fourteen months he has refused to even think that Germany could be beaten. German arms were invincible and there was no question of their being defeated and, therefore, there was no other end, for him—except victory of might over right. In his anxiety to rally the falling courage of his people, he indicated his lost confidence in his Italian partner by offering no excuse for Signor Mussolini's palpable failure in the attack on Greece. Neither did he make any explanation for the failure of his diplomatic drive in the Balkans. All his vehemence was turned on England against whom he made his customary threats, though more vaguely defined than in the past. When he stated that he would not give up an inch of the soil which he has gained in Europe, Herr Hitler admitted, for the first time, his fear that he would not be able to defeat Britain and that he would be glad to cry halt to the war now if he was certain that he could hold what he has got. It is this uncertainty that will compel him to continue the fight much against his will.

CORRESPONDENCE

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES

The Editor, H. K. Daily Press
Sir, I have received the following letter from Dr. Barnardo's Homes and I should be very grateful if you would publish it in your newspaper.

Although there are many appeals for Charity at the moment, there may be some people who have a special interest in the Homes and would be willing to subscribe to this splendid work.

Yours sincerely
CHARLOTTE M. BIRD
Hon. Collector.

DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES,
Stepney Causeway, London, E.1.
Christmaside, 1940.

Dear Fellow Helper, As I write this letter the Government are asking us all to "Stay Put" at our jobs.

It is excellent advice and to carry on under War conditions, with a family of 2,250, is no mean achievement and well worth working for.

But food supplies, safe housing accommodation, Air-raid shelters, schooling and clothing, to say nothing of the cost of travelling and supervision of the children still in our Homes, or in their widely scattered Evacuation Centres, are problems that we can only solve if our friends come to our aid with generous gifts.

This Winter will be the most trying we have had to face in our long history of 75 years.

We are most anxious to "Go to it" and, indeed, have been at it with increasing intensity ever since War broke out, despite many and growing obstacles.

Our records will tell you how we have succeeded in maintaining a place of Refuge for these stricken and destitute little folk. It also shows how hostilities are daily adding to the number of those who seek Sanctuary with us. I am sure the facts would touch any heart. Would you send me all you can to keep open our friendly doors of welcome, which have now given shelter to more than 125,000 needy Boys, and Girls.

I know from your past gifts how kind will be your response, and how you will feel that these are days when we need more than ever to bear one another's burden and so fulfil the law of Christ. With hearty thanks for all that you have done for us.

Yours sincerely,
EBERHAM, (signed)
Honorary Treasurer.

ONE WEDDING AT REGISTRY

The wedding took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday between Mr. Dick Law, clerk, of No. 243, Temple Street, Kowloon, and Miss Leung Su Ying of the same address. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced—

Mr. Henry Wong Yan Wing, manager of the Wing On Bank, Ltd., Kowloon Branch, and residing at No. 140, Electric Road, and Miss Nancy Kong, of No. 34, Electric Road.

Mr. Lie Kwee Khong, clerk of Chin Sin Main Road, Un-lung, New Territories, and Miss Khoo Tuan Ing of Poko Lian Hin Djember (Soerabia), Java, D.E.I.

Mr. Liang Kian Sem, merchant, of Ching Sin Main Road, Un-lung New Territories, and Miss Tien Sim Moy of the same address.

Mr. Wong Chun Kou, assistant manager, of No. 23, Connaught Rd. Central, and Miss Tso Wai Yung, book-keeper, of No. 75 Shantung Street, Kowloon.

NEWSETTES

The quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Canton and Macao on account of cholera have been removed.

More than 5,000 boy scouts and girl guides in Chungking will join in a huge review to be held on Jan. 1, 1941. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will take the salute during the review.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfarlane, who had been away at Volunteer Camp, resumed duty at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. He had been away for a week and during his absence was represented by his father, Major A. N. Macfarlane.

KING'S COLLEGE SPEECH DAY:

SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN SCHOLASTICS AND SPORTS REPORTED

Governor Lauds Admirable Spirit Of Senior Boys

Addressing the school at the annual King's College Speech Day yesterday morning, His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt.-Gen. R. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., remarked on the work done last summer by King's College senior boys who had run a free school for poor children in the summer holidays.

"I am struck with the admirable spirit which must actuate the seniors who have devoted so much time out of their well-earned holidays to the voluntary instruction of their poorer compatriots," His Excellency said.

"The performance of boys in Classes I and II in this direction during the last summer holidays was a really fine bit of work, and I should like to congratulate the boys concerned, who spontaneously organised and carried it out."

The Principal of King's College, Mr. H. G. Wallington, M.A., in presenting his annual report, mentioned the interesting fact that five of the 31 King's College boys who passed the Matriculation Examination to Hongkong University in the summer were from Class II.

NOT A GOOD THING

"This was unknown to me until the examination took part and although I am pleased that they did pass I do not consider it a good thing that such should take place," Mr. Wallington said.

"For one thing boys who pass in this way are usually too young to enter the University and have to waste a year before entering. Also they usually leave thus depriving the school of some of its best students one year early."

"If the entering of students from a non-matriculation class is permitted I can see no reason why in future years boys from Classes 3 and 4 should not try their luck provided they can get someone outside the school to sign the entrance forms."

There was a large attendance at the speech day, among those present being the Director of Education, Mr. C. G. Solis, M.A.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Wallington said, in part: Before reading the first annual report since I was appointed Principal of this College I would like to thank your Excellency for the great honour you have bestowed upon the school by coming here this morning to give away the Prizes.

Owing to the outbreak of war in September, 1939, the school reopened one week after the advertised time. This was in part due to the fact that most of the staff was engaged in Volunteer and Censorship duties.

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT

The School reopened with a maximum enrolment of 353 and throughout the year the percentage attendance was 96 per cent. This I consider to be extremely good due to a certain amount of evacuation to Shanghai and Macao that took place after the Chinese New Year holidays.

The Matriculation Examination was held during the first week in June, 1940. This was much earlier than in previous years. Forty-eight boys entered and 31 passed obtaining eight distinctions. In the School Leaving Certificate 117 boys sat and 67 passed. Nine boys obtained honours and 24 were awarded Government Scholarships. These results were extremely satisfactory and were above the average for the whole examination.

ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

I am very pleased to be able to report that the school swimming team obtained 27½ points and won the Inter-School Swimming Championship. This was the result of good team work and not individual success. We are of course very lucky to possess our own swimming pool and this no doubt contributed in some way to our success.

We finished third in the Inter-School Athletic Sports. Teams were entered in the Inter-School leagues for volleyball and basketball. At Football our senior side was good and were successful in most of the games played.

ORGANISED GAMES

Throughout the year our own school competitions were carried out as usual and twice each week about 150 boys were sent to Queen's College ground, at Causeway Bay for organised games. This sounds good but in reality it means that each boy has only one period of organised games each month.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IN—

IRELAND:

"WHEN HE GAVE YOU HIS HAND, HE GAVE YOU HIS HEART AS WELL." This is how a close friend of the late Lord Craigavon described the late Premier of Northern Ireland in a talk arranged by the Ulster Gazette on Tuesday night.

Lord Craigavon, he said, was noted for his sincerity. He was a widely travelled man and preferred New Zealand to any other part of the world which he had visited, with the exception, of course, added the speaker, of Ulster.

He loved Ulster and Ireland and so great was his devotion to his country that he took the trouble on one occasion to go and see Mr. de Valera to see whether he could not come to some arrangement with the Eire leader, but he was determined never to haul down the Union Jack from Ulster.

One of his most apt sayings was: "They thought they could nibble at me like a lump of cheese, but they knew they had made a mistake when they found their teeth up against solid rock."

MR. FRASER MAIN, who was responsible for the talk, referred to the Ulster War Weapons Week, when 25,000,000 were collected.

Other events in Ulster, which were mentioned was a bad storm in November when over 1,000 trees were blown down and the death of a well-known surgeon, Professor Sinclair.

SCOTLAND:

IN THE WAR WEAPONS WEEK HELD IN EDINBURGH, the city collected £25 per head of population, which is the highest in the British Isles.

Announcing this in a talk entitled "Scots Abroad," MR. ALEXANDER KEITH added: "It took the shine out of England!"

Life in Scotland, he said, had not changed much from peace time. They had, of course, longer hours of work and worked harder too. Prices were up a bit and wives grouched as usual, if possible a little more than usual.

But food was plentiful and they were growing more food per head than in any other part of the British Isles. The speaker emphasised that except for two towns, none of the towns in Scotland had a population of over 150,000.

On Sunday afternoons, the people of Glasgow could be seen returning from the country with plenty of farm produce. Farmers had always had a high percentage of cereals and arable land in Scotland is being increased to about half-a-million acres so that more food can be grown.

Fishermen were notable absentees from Scotland in these days and this was due to the fact that most of them are being employed on Government work but the herring and whiting industries were still going on.

The opening up of more arable land for the plough was a god-send since bracken, rabbits and other pests which had encroached on this land for years would now be exterminated.

Kwangsi Refugees To Be Repatriated

With the help of the Hongkong office of the Kwangsi Provincial Relief Commission, the first batch of 50 Kwangsi refugees here will return to their native province on Friday.

Originally, the number was 100, but owing to difficulties, it has been reduced to 50.

They will be escorted by two officials of the Commission and will travel by way of Shanghai, Shukwan and Kienyang. When they reach Kweilin, they will be given work to do.

A landlady, Wu Suet-hing, of No. 11, Hillwood Road has reported that an electric motor water pump had been stolen from the back yard of the house on Tuesday night.

POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. Hingston, of No. 203 Wanchai Road, reports that her gold neck chain, valued at \$45, was snatched from her person while she was walking along Tin Lok Lane on Tuesday.

Money, Jewellery and a camera, to the total value of \$120, were stolen when a thief entered No. 27 Lockhart Road between 8.10 p.m. and 9.45 p.m. on Tuesday.

Fifty-seven packets of piano accessories, valued at \$1,140, were reported to have been stolen from the Tsang Fook Piano Company, No. 480 King's Road on Tuesday.

The owner of Private car No. 2048 has reported that it was stolen from outside No. 3, Wing Sing Lane between 3 and 7 a.m. yesterday. The car is that of a Morris saloon which was found about 8.30 p.m. unattended at Tung Chow Street by the Police.

THE AIR WAR:

DIFFICULTIES IN BOMBING OF AERODROMES: DEFENCES AGAINST NIGHT ATTACKS

"The air position, looked at as a whole, is improving," said Mr. Oliver Stewart, aeronautical expert, when he spoke in London yesterday on the latest developments in the air war.

Mr. Stewart emphasised, however, the necessity for developing the defences of Britain against air attacks and the continuation of British raids on military objectives in Germany in preference to carrying out raids on enemy aerodromes.

Mr. Stewart referred to recent reports stating that the Royal Air Force had carried out attacks on enemy aerodromes in France and Holland, which were being used by the Germans for making their raids on Britain.

PRESENT LIMITATIONS

"In the present strategic situation, however," said Mr. Stewart, this method of attack has its limitations. It must be remembered that the enemy has many air bases. Unfortunately we prepared some of them when we were fighting alongside the French and the enemy is now using aerodromes on which we worked on.

"The enemy has also a number of aerodromes in Belgium and Norway and it is possible for him to switch his bomber squadrons about so that we cannot be certain where to find them. Nor could we attack all the bases we know about—that would need an air force bigger than anything in existence."

"There is yet another difficulty and that is that putting service aerodromes out of action or damaging them is not so easy. The Germans tried hard to knock out the R.A.F. in August and September and they devoted many of their attacks to service aerodromes. But in all cases they could not succeed in stopping our aircraft from using the aerodromes."

"That is important, because it must be remembered that a service aerodrome in war is unlike a service aerodrome in peace. The aircraft is dispersed round the aerodrome. Some of them are taken to what are known as maintenance bases which are provided to enable work to be done on the planes. Others are scattered on the outskirts of the landing area."

NEGLECTIBLE DAMAGE

"If the enemy is able to get a direct hit on one plane, the damage will be confined to that one plane or, at the most, to two or three planes. As far as damage to the surface is concerned, after all an aeroplane only needs a few hundred yards to take off and it will need all the bombs in the world to knock out the aerodrome completely by churning up the landing surface."

"It is also impossible to start big fires there and damage by bombs is thus limited by the dispersal methods. Even the personnel are protected from flying fragments."

"These reasons provide an incomplete answer to our own raids on enemy aerodromes. In the first place, we do not know where to go for him; secondly, the enemy has too many bases for a simultaneous attack; and thirdly, bombing attacks on aerodromes are much less effective than on other targets."

SEVERE FOOD RATIONING IN PARIS: ONLY NAZIS ALLOWED TO USE BUSES

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Travellers returning from unoccupied France state that the situation there is most serious. In Paris, food rationing is severe and long queues lined the streets outside the shops. In transportation, only Germans are allowed to use private cars and buses while Parisians had the use of the underground.

Mr. A. Greenwood On Chances Of Victory

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—"Britain cannot lose the war unless we are guilty of wavering on the road to victory," said Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, speaking in London yesterday.

"I do not say that victory is around the corner, but I do say unhesitatingly that Germany cannot win," he went on.

Mr. Stewart stated that the R.A.F. had the proper offensive spirit, but the strategy of the moment demanded that they should perfect their defences. "We must not divert our attacks from other targets to aerodromes if the total effect can be greater elsewhere," he declared.

RIGHT POLICY

"We are doing much better when we direct our attacks on objectives such as power stations, canals, building yards, etc. We should, really, be using our bombs less economically if we bomb aerodromes. I don't say that sometimes, when special information comes to us operations against enemy aerodromes are not justified, but I do say that, in general, our policy of sticking to other targets has been right."

"We must continue to strive for a good defence against the night bomber. I look upon Germany's night raids as an idea to prepare the way for something else. I don't think they will be so foolish as to think that they can make this country sue for peace by slaughtering civilians. They, of course, hope to weaken us a little."

"That is why I regard with some suspicion any marked lull in German night raids, when such a lull cannot be attributed to the weather. Therefore I think that they are preparing for combined operations with their air and other forces working in close co-operation."

"In the meantime, we are getting the measure of the German night attacks. We know their methods by day and we are beginning to know them by night. They are quick to change their tactics when they find that they have been unsuccessful, while we have learnt a great deal and our own offensive will benefit by that knowledge."

"We have also gained some idea of Italy's tactics in the air. It is not so formidable, but we are not underestimating it."

NEW FIGHTER

Mr. Stewart went on to refer to the new fighter plane known as the Fairey Bombar allotted to the Fleet Air Arm. It had, he said, eight guns fixed in the wings firing directly forward in the line of flight and would have a large influence on future types. The Navy had made a good move in adopting this kind of fighter."

Mr. Stewart concluded by stating that they would certainly have to watch Germany's air force.

"The Germans are likely to go to the aid of the Italians," he said, "and when they do, it will be mainly by aircraft. If the German air force has great mobility, so has ours. We are watching them closely."

"It remains today to work on our defences against the night bomber and against aircraft attacks on our shipping. In other respects the Germans have been met. The air position, looked at as a whole, is improving."

Greeks Doing Spadework For Next Stage Of Battle

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The effect of the Greek seizure of Mussolini's three main bases in southern Albania, namely Santi Quaranta, Delvino and Argyrocastron, is now becoming apparent.

Further north the impetus given to the Greek advance by the capture of Koritza and other points has for the present ceased and the Greeks are now engaged in spadework for the next stage of the battle, this probably accounting for the veil of secrecy which has descended on operations in that area.

"News from the front is extremely good but precise indications cannot be expected for a few days," declared an official spokesman last night.

LATEST COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, Dec. 11 (BWS).—The latest Greek communiqué says: "Our offensive action continues with success on the whole front. Strong ground points were occupied by bayonet charge. The enemy suffered heavy losses. Three 100 mm. guns fell into our hands." Information available to military circles in London fully supports the Greek claims.

There has been a small advance in the Pogradetz area, while in the south, Greek troops are going forward steadily though as the nature of the terrain necessitates slowly. In the neighbourhood of Argyrocastron, they have reached Kodre, cutting off the Italians from the important lateral road in the Tepelene area.

LITTLE ENEMY AIR RAIDS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (BWS).—There was little enemy air activity over Britain during the night, says an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué.

Bombs were dropped at a place in East Anglia. These damaged some houses and caused a small number of casualties.

SPITFIRE CHASE

A squadron of eight Messerschmitts crossed the south-east coast of England yesterday afternoon and then suddenly turned and made off rapidly as a patrol of Spitfires gave chase, states a London message.

There was only one brief alert in London yesterday morning.

CO-OPERATION WITH BRITISH AND CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS IS THE WAR POLICY OF C.P.R. COMPANY

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Wholehearted co-operation with the British and Canadian Governments in the prosecution of the war describes the policy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, writes SIR EDWARD BEATTY, President of the Canadian-Pacific Railway Company in a special article for Reuter's.

Not only is the Canadian Pacific Railway contributing its quota, but it has willingly enlarged its activities to include the manufacture of products and machinery essential for the training and equipment of modern armies. Tanks, for example, are being manufactured in some of the Canadian Pacific's great engineering shops.

At the outbreak of the war the Company was not unprepared to meet the demands which were made on it. The efficient transportation of men and goods have been provided from that day forward and only recently the Canadian Minister of National Defence wrote to me his appreciation of the Company's efficiency in handling the large and complicated troops movement and keeping perfectly within the time limits given.

Facilities for handling traffic are almost unlimited provided that there is no congestion; the prevention of such a congestion is one of the most important problems confronting us. The control of shipments for export is the most effective method yet evolved to achieve this object.

NO ACCUMULATION

The system of permits for use of goods wagons is in operation and which prevents the use of any wagon until it is known by which steamship the goods in question are to be exported. Obviously this prevents any accumulation of goods awaiting export at ports or the intermediate points. One telling illustration of the effect of this control may be given.

The Royal Canadian Air Force requested the transport of certain war materials from Vancouver to Montreal in less time than is occupied by our fastest passenger train to cover that 2,881 miles.

Necessary arrangements were made with the utmost speed, a special freight train loaded and started. It passed the fastest passenger train—the Dominion—en route and the goods were at the dock ready for transfer to a ship.

one hour before the Dominion reached Montreal station.

NOTABLE FACT

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's fleet of ships are playing a notable part in the merchant marine's war activities.

As the representative in Canada of the British Ministry of Shipping, we have intimate knowledge of the merchant marine's splendid achievements but I cannot reveal it.

I can say that the Canadian Pacific's ships travelled into enemy waters, into sub-arctic and tropical seas; they have transported troops to and from practically every Empire country and they have brought shiploads of German prisoners to internment camps in Canada.

Crews of the ships and indeed the whole staff of Canadian Pacific are upholding the best British traditions for they are ordinary men and this war is the way of ordinary men who defend all that Nazism stands for.

These men are willing to work, fight and die for their faith, to sacrifice time, money and pleasure.

It is the war of free peoples and I am convinced that free peoples will achieve victory and, with it, decent security for all time.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Major-General Ralshiro Sumita, head of the Japanese Military Mission to Indo-China, will leave Hanai on Dec. 17 for Saigon, according to a Japanese report from Hanai. It was disclosed that Gen. Sumita is making the trip to "inspect conditions in Southern Indo-China."

ANNUAL DINNER OF KOWLOON CHESS CLUB

FIRST LADY MEMBER WELCOMED

The annual dinner of the Kowloon Chess Club was held at the Peninsula Hotel last night. There were 25 members present and eight guests, including Mr. B. G. Birch and Mr. E. Zimmermann, of the Victoria Chess Club.

The President, the Rev. G. E. S. Updele, extended the welcome of the Club to its first lady member, Miss Alina Sequeira, and said also that the Club was attracting more players than before and that no fewer than 24 had entered this year for the various Club tournaments.

LADDER TOURNAMENT

An endeavour would be made, he added, to stage a ladder tournament when the present one was concluded as a great deal of enthusiasm was being shown, especially by the younger members.

Mr. Updele also welcomed the two representatives of the Victoria Chess Club.

Mr. Birch replied suitably. A knock-out lightning tournament was staged after dinner the winner being Mr. C. M. Sequeira.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

Nine members of the Turkish military mission to Afghanistan are expected here shortly on their return from Kabul to Ankara. They will be the guests of the North-West Frontier Province Government and will be entertained both by the Government and by the Peshawar Municipality.

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HERE LIES THE NAZI:

TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND BRITISH MORALE: GERMAN PROPAGANDA REFUTED

"IT IS NOT TRUE TO SAY THAT THE TRADE UNIONISTS HAVE LOST THEIR VOICE ON QUESTIONS OF DECIDING WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN BRITAIN," said COL. M. G. CHRISTIE, the well-known commentator, when he spoke in the series "Here Lies the Nazi" in London on Tuesday.

Col. Christie was giving the lie to Nazi propaganda which had been trying to make out that the Trade Unions of Britain were now in a decadent state as a result of Government control of the liberties and rights of workers.

COL. CHRISTIE POINTED OUT HOW THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, MR. ERNEST BEVIN, had asked the Trade Unions to appoint a small representative council to assist him in his duties and how a joint sub-committee, comprised of members of this council and representatives of the Government were meeting regularly to discuss and consider questions affecting supplies and labour.

FULL RECOGNITION

It was on the recommendations of this sub-committee that the Minister of Labour acted and it was only when the ordinary machinery governing labour and supplying fails that the wartime machinery of arbitration is brought in to settle a point in which differences of opinion are held.

Col. Christie also emphasised the fact that three of the members of the War Cabinet were Labour men and throughout the country thousands of active Trade Unionists were working in co-operation with the Ministry of Labour.

"The Unions have never been so fully recognised and their co-operation so completely accepted as now," declared Col. Christie. "It shows that the German statement is a complete lie, coming as it does from a dictatorial regime which controls every right and liberty of its workers."

MORALE OF PEOPLE

Col. Christie next referred to the German propaganda on the morale of the British people.

"For months past," he said, "Nazi propagandists have been jeering about the state of our morale. One German paper spoke recently of increasing panic and how men and women were trying to keep up their falling courage by taking to drink. These broadsides said we were permeated by fear and hopelessness."

To refute these statements, Col. Christie quoted the remarks made by an ex-President of the Danzig Senate, now in London. This eye-witness had said: "I have never experienced anything more astonishing as the morale of the British people. I cannot get over the fact that they take these nightly and daily bombings with calm and self-discipline. It is heroic to hear them talk of what is happening in a completely matter-of-fact manner."

This eye-witness went on: "I live in a quarter which has been very frequently bombed and I have come into contact with all classes of people. Everywhere I found the same spirit of courage and the same ability to endure, no matter how heavy the burdens."

No Reply To Evacuation Petition

FINANCIAL ASPECT DISCUSSED

The following communiqué was issued by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. F. C. Clemen, after the meeting of the Husbands' Evacuation Committee held at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday night.

No answer having been received to our Petition, up to 1 p.m. yesterday, the future procedure to be adopted was discussed and agreed to.

The Financial situation of the evacuation was discussed and certain recommendations on principle are being made to Government.

It was decided to interview the Chief Censor regarding the despatch of newspapers and periodicals to the evacuees.

A large amount of correspondence was dealt with and action is being taken in most cases.

Letters have been forwarded to the Central Bodies in Sydney and Melbourne advising them of the formation of this Committee, requesting them to forward all complaints from evacuees direct to the Hon. Secretary in Hongkong.

Copies of the Petition are now being printed and will be forwarded to all members whose names are registered with the Committee.

The next meeting will be held at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Gloucester Hotel.

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2 Cases Gourment Powder
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1 Tub Chinese Medicine

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Tuesday, the 17th December, 1940
commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Con-naught Road, Central, Second Floor.

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Big Sessions Calender

The following is the calendar of cases to be tried tomorrow at the December Criminal Sessions:—

Wu Kwong-yau, a soldier interneec, murder of a fellow inmate of the Argyle Street Internment Camp;

Siu Cheuk, robbery and demanding money with menaces;
Li Ching, Li Tsoi and Li Sing, robbery and attempted robbery of taxi-drivers;

Li Chau, Chan Yau, Tang Ping and Tang Yung, robbery by two or more and possession of arms and ammunition at Taiipo;

Ng Kan-kan, assault with intent to rob three women;
Au Nam, Chau Kai, Luk Wing, Wong Sing and Pun Yung, armed robbery in a house in Prince Edward Road;

ARMS CASES

Li Wai, Kwok Yan, Tso On, Shek Leung and Tso Chung, possession of arms and ammunition in Shaukwan;

Fan Shiu, Lau Ping, Lau Kam, Wong Yam, possession of arms and ammunition on board a junk in Shaukwan;

Lau Pui, possession of arms and ammunition at Taiipo.

Ma Wai-man, Leung Fuk-lam and Lam Sik-yui, nine charges of possession and larceny of letters; Lam Chung, unlawful possession of postal packets;

Kwok Fung, Leung Ying and Mak Kun-sing, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes in Kowloon; Cheng Hol, possession of forged bank-notes; Wong Wah, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes; Lan Yat-chung, uttering and possession of forged bank-notes;

Lau Chun, Li Tung, Man Wong, Wong Sin, Kung Tak-on, Ho Ngan, Yeung Wing and Li Kwai, breach of Deportation Ordinance.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

HOUSE-BREAKER IMPRISONED

Appearing before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge of burglary, Pun Ming, 23, unemployed, who admitted the offence, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Pui was charged, with another not in custody, with breaking into No. 430, Lockhart Road, second floor, at 4.30 a.m. on Dec. 10 and stealing one gold pocket watch and chain, 13 pieces of clothing and a fountain pen and pencil, the property of Ip Lam Sang, 51, ship agent.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison said that about 5 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 10 Sgt. Downman saw defendant carrying a parcel. On being questioned defendant admitted that he stole them and took Sgt. Downman back to the house.

Defendant obtained entry into the house by smashing the wooden shutters of the doors and inserting his hands to open the lock.

The total value of the property stolen was \$30 and everything was recovered except the gold watch.

UNEMPLOYED BOUND OVER

Wong Yiu, 39, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing 16 silver Hong-kong dollars from No. 28 Bonham Strand East on Dec. 9.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes said that the defendant was an ex-partner of the complainant, Yip Che-man, manager of the Lap Fu tailor shop. The partnership was broken up in 1939 but defendant was allowed to sleep in the shop as he had no employment.

On Dec. 9 at about 10 p.m. defendant was seen by a foki in the shop to approach the safe near which complainant was sleeping. He was seen to take something out of the safe, went back to bed but got up again and left the shop for some time.

This foki informed another and when the safe was opened the 16 silver dollars were found missing. Defendant was questioned and when searched 14 dollars and a key to the safe were found on him. Defendant admitted the theft and stated that he spent the two dollars to have some tea.

Wong was bound over in the sum of \$50 for six months.

UNAVAILING DEFENCE PLEA

That he had been sick for several days and had no food was the plea given by Ng Tim, 35, unemployed, who was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with stealing from No. 137 Queen's Road Central, ground floor, two cabbies of sausages and one catty of preserved meat.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said that at about 10 p.m. on Tuesday morning defendant was seen carrying a paper parcel and when stopped by a constable it was found to contain the sausages and preserved meat. When questioned defendant admitted that he broke into No. 137 Queen's Road and stole the foodstuffs.

Ng, who had three previous convictions, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

THEFT OF ELECTRIC CABLE

Pleading guilty before Mr. Lowry yesterday to stealing two pounds of lead cased electric cable, valued at \$1, from the Royal Naval Yard on Tuesday, Chan Nam, 36, labourman, was bound over in the sum of \$10 for six months.

Sgt. Downman said that defendant was found in possession of the cable through a routine search at the main gate of the Naval Yard. Chan had been employed in the Yard for ten years.

Sgt. Thompson of the R.N. Police, said that defendant was earning 64 cents a day as wages and would lose his job. The cable was concealed inside defendant's stockings.

SUMMONS DISMISSED

The summons against Ho Kit, 24, Eastern Street, ground floor, for breach of the lighting regulation during the black-out on Oct. 30, was dismissed by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett yesterday.

Ho was stated to have a ceiling lamp, which was not properly shaded, casting light on the pavement, at 7.43 p.m.

Defendant denied that charge and was found not guilty after evidence.

Insp. F. D. B. Tuckett prosecuted.

"WIZARDS" IN COURT

Two "Wizards" were among the six people charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with unlawful street collection at No. 33 Tung Street on Dec. 8.

The defendants were Li Kong, 26, and Leung Wah, 29, described as "Wizards," Leung Cheung, 18, temple foki, Sit Wai, 22, temple foki, Ngan Shun, 54, temple keeper, and Lam Ying-kei, 20, temple foki.

The first four accused were charged with collecting money on behalf of the Fuk-Tak Tung Temple without permission, while the fifth and sixth were charged with counselling and procuring the commission of the offence.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes said that the first defendant, the temple keeper, instructed the others to go out and get subscriptions for the coming temple festival. The defendants went from shop to shop and to different addresses and received certain sums of money.

At the ceremony to be held on the twelfth moon those who had taken a large share would be given a large lantern and the small share would be given a small lantern.

Asked by his Worship Sgt. Sykes said that the S.C.A. gave permission for special cases but in this case no permission either from the S.C.A. or the Police had been obtained.

Fifth and sixth defendants were each fined \$15 or, in default, 18 days' imprisonment. First to fourth defendants were cautioned and discharged.

AT KOWLOON

FAMILY SQUABBLE

Two families were involved in a fight in which two members received injuries to the head, and as a result all the participants were arrested and charged before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday with disorderly conduct.

The persons involved were Ip Fai, 47, fitter, Chan Nui, 32, wife of the first accused, Yuen Kau, 33, Yuen Ling, 20, Yuen Choi, 20, Yuen So-mui, 18, spinster, and Suet Kin, 45, mother of the last four defendants.

Sgt. Haynes, prosecuting, said that all defendants were fellow-residents and a quarrel was started one night over the use of the kitchen. The last accused called out her three sons and a daughter to fight against the first two defendants.

The first six defendants were each ordered to sign a personal bond of \$10 to be of good behaviour for a year, while the last accused was fined \$15 or, in default, three weeks in prison.

KOWLOON DOCKS THEFT

Chu Sheng, 19, coolie, and Wong Fuk-kin, 33, unemployed, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with larceny of 60 pounds of white lead, valued at \$300, from a British ship in the Kowloon Docks.

The first defendant was sentenced to a month's hard labour, followed by expulsion, while the second accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The white lead was recovered.

TRAVELLING TRADER GAOLED

Appearing before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday on remand, a travelling trader, "Siu Hon-pan, 39," who was charged with kidnapping a child under 14 years of age, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

The defendant was remanded from Monday when he said that he had witnesses to call for his defence.

MARINE COURT

LOITERING CHARGE

A fine of seven dollars was imposed by the Marine Magistrate, Cmdr. J. Jolly, yesterday on Wang Chan, 63, master of Class IV boat No. 4522W, convicted of having loitered within 100 yards of the Kowloon Naval Camper on Tuesday. Defendant pleaded guilty.

UNLAWFUL BOARDING

Chan Leung, 40, unemployed, was fined \$20 in default three weeks' hard labour, for boarding a British vessel lying at Hoi's wharf without the permission of the master or the officer in charge.

Ng Yick-mui, of No. 450 Lockhart Road, reports that someone entered his house on Tuesday and stole a fountain pen and other articles to the value of \$32.50.

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Finance and Commerce

NANNING LOSSES TOTAL OVER 20 MILLION

KWEILIN, Dec. 11 (Central).—Investigations carried out by the Kwangsi Industrial Co-operatives have revealed large civilian casualties and extensive material losses in the various outlying districts of Nanning. In view of the importance of reviving production in these districts, the Kwangsi C.I.C. has moved its headquarters from Pingyang to Nanning to assist the authorities in relief and rehabilitation work.

According to the investigations, co-operatives among the farmers, 2,254 persons are missing, 28,978 heads of cows killed, 451,348 piculs of foodstuffs lost and 24,348 houses destroyed. Calculated on the basis of \$200 per cow, \$12.50 per picul of foodstuffs, and \$500 per room in a house, the total losses of the villages affected amount to \$23,210,950. Averaging, each household in a village sustained a loss of \$354, each person a loss of \$60.50 and every three households lost one head of cow.

RELIEF PURPOSES

In view of the tremendous losses suffered by the villagers, it is imperative to raise large sums for relief purposes. Complying with a petition of the C.I.C., the Kwangsi Provincial Government has ordered an appropriation of \$200,000 from the Provincial Bank, which will be used as a fund for granting credit loans to farmers in order to enable them to resume production.

The C.I.C. has sent out three relief squads to the 19 large villages of Nanning to organise

BRITAIN'S FINANCIAL RESOURCES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).

—High officials of the United States defence and fiscal departments have been summoned to the Treasury to meet Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury.

He will tell them facts concerning Britain's financial resources which have been given by Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary of the British Treasury.

It is understood that at a conversation lasting two hours at Mr. Morgenthau's home on Monday, Sir Frederick presented a balanced statement of Britain's resources and costs of supply.

RICE SHORTAGE IN SHANGHAI

100 Thousand Bags To Be Imported

CHUNGKING, Dec. 10 (Central).—A decision to purchase 100,000 bags of foreign rice before the end of this month to relieve the current acute shortage of the staple in Shanghai was reached yesterday at a joint meeting of the officials of the International Settlement and French Concession, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, and representatives of rice dealers, according to a Shanghai message.

The decision was based on a plan advanced by Mr. Yu for the establishment of a granary in Shanghai to store up a regular stock of 200,000 bags of rice for current consumption. The plan also calls for gradual reduction in prices.

At the meeting, the price of the first grade Saigon rice was fixed at \$87 per picul. On the same day of last year, the authorities of the two foreign-administered areas in Shanghai fixed the price of the first grade native rice at \$40 per picul. The price has since gone up more than 100 per cent.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

December 11. The improvement noted yesterday was continued during the short session, which witnessed an encouraging turnover. The market closed firm.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1,355.
Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Wharves, \$92.
Docks (Old), \$17.75.
Docks (New), \$17.25.
Providents, \$5.50.
Hotels, \$3.40.
Lands, \$33.50.
Humphreys, \$7.60.
Realities, \$3.80.
Star Ferries, \$40.
Electric (Old), \$49.
Electric (New), \$39.50.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.20.
Telephones (Old), \$25.50.
Telephones (New), \$10.25.
Dairy Farms, \$18.75.
Watsons, \$10.50.
Entertainments, \$7.
Cements, \$18.75.
Ropes, \$7.10.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1,380/65.
Docks (Old), \$12.
Providents, \$5.55/50.
Humphreys, \$7.75.
Electric (Old), \$40.
Ropes, \$8.
Dairy Farms, \$19.
Watsons, \$10.50/60.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 1940.

SALES

H.K. Banks 5 \$1,380.00
Dairy Farms 5 1,383.00
China Providents 500 5.55
Dairy Farms 200 12.00
H.K. Docks (O.) 2100 18.00
H.K. Electric (O.) 100 40.00
H.K. Electric (O.) 180 39.50
H.K. Hotels 500 3.80
Humphreys 1000 7.75
H.K. Ropes 100 8.00
A.S. Watsons 200 10.50

The total value is \$89,590.00.
Sale on Tuesday, the 10th inst.

RAUB AUSTRALIAN GOLD MINING

The Hongkong Stock Exchange has received a cable from Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. in code and in translating same it reads as follows: "Report 588 fine ounces 1908."

GERMAN VESSEL INTERCEPTED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—It is confirmed the British cruiser H.M.S. Diomed intercepted the German merchant vessel Idarwald. The Diomed had sent a prize crew aboard but was unable to prevent the scuttling of the ship. The entire crew of the Idarwald, numbering 45, was taken prisoner aboard the Diomed.

HEAVY MANURING OF LANDS NECESSARY

Vital as it is to Malaya, the question of foodstuffs production is one of peculiar difficulty, says Mr. W. N. C. Belgrave, Director of Agriculture, S.S., and Adviser on Agriculture, F.M.S., in his report on Agricultural Department for 1939. Food crops other than rice, he adds, cannot be grown in Malaya continuously, or on non-virgin land without resorting to heavy manuring with organic manure.

Further, the majority of the population are essentially rice eaters and will not substitute other foodstuffs for rice except under stress of circumstances. Any great increase in other foods would not find a market so long as rice is available at a reasonable price.

For these reasons, continues Mr. Belgrave, the main effort has been directed to acceleration of existing programmes for provision of irrigation facilities for rice cultivation and the better utilisation of land already under cultivation.

Propaganda for cultivation of other foodstuffs has been limited to that necessary for domestic consumption, whether by the individual or by labour forces of plantations or mines.

Owing to the economies necessitated by the war, the report is restricted to a brief resume of agricultural conditions in the year under review.

The report also refers to the interesting experiments that have been carried out to ascertain the effect of mining slime in irrigation water on padi cultivation. The report says that unfortunately, owing to erratic working of the dredge from which slimes were taken consequent upon the operation of Tin Restriction, reliable crop figures were not obtained.

There was, however, an indication that the slimed water damaged or in any way hindered vegetative growth of the crop.

POT EXPERIMENTS

An examination of the possibility of puddling hill-quartzite soils to enable them to retain water sufficiently for padi cultivation was put in hand, and pot experiments were commenced to determine the rate of decomposition of three types of woods characteristic of the off-season growth of different padi areas.

Reviewing the agricultural conditions in Malaya in 1939, Mr. Belgrave says that up to the outbreak of hostilities, prices remained low and trade in many products was featureless. Following the declaration of war, prices were erratic, nominal in many cases; movement of stocks was hampered by shipping difficulties and re-organisation, and for certain products there was, therefore, but a small trade actually passing.

During the last quarter of the year, the position became clearer; prices, however, showed no particular inclination to move either way, with the exception of rubber, sago and tapioca which appreciated in value. The volume and total value of agricultural trade showed an increase over the previous year.

VALUABLE MINERALS DISCOVERED IN YUNNAN

KUNMING, Dec. 10 (Central).—Two valuable minerals, quick silver and talc, have been discovered in western Yunnan. In Yungchang, on the Yunnan-Burma highway, quicksilver-bearing ores are found in extensive areas, while a talc mine is located at Laoyin in the Miaokungshan (mountain) area.

Investigation has established that the ores of both minerals are of fine quality. Active steps are now being taken by the Yunnan Reconstruction Department for the exploitation of the two mines.

Little Air Activity Over Britain

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A few enemy aircraft approached the British coast singly during yesterday, some of which penetrated into east Kent. Reports received indicate, says an Air Ministry communiqué, that only two bombs were dropped, causing little damage and no casualties.

COASTAL COMMAND

Substantial increases are to take place in the R.A.F. Coastal Command. Announcing this in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Churchill said that although there is no need at present for a change in the position of the Command of the R.A.F. it was necessary that it should play a more important part than in the past in the protection of trade.

LEAN PROSPECT FOR SIR JOHN LATHAM

SUGAR AND MATCH RATIONS IN JAPAN

Australia's Minister to Japan (Sir John Latham) who visited Hongkong recently on his way to Tokyo, may be limited to half a pound of sugar a month and five matches a day when he reaches Tokyo, states the Sydney Sun.

Sir John Latham said that recently after he had been guest of honour at a cocktail party given by the Japanese Australia Society in Sydney.

Japan, as a wartime measure, has prohibited the importation of matches and wines. These commodities with sugar, are strictly rationed.

Sir John Latham applied for a special permit to take half a gross of matches and a small quantity of sugar with him.

Sir John Latham intended to take also a quantity of Australian wines with him if the necessary permission is granted.

HONORARY POST FOR LOYAL EASTERN RULER

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—An Eastern ruler who is a warm supporter of the British cause has been appointed honorary Air Commodore. It is announced in the London Gazette.

He is Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan who at the outbreak of war telegraphed his loyalty to King George and recently said that if Trans-Jordan were involved in the war the Arabs would rise as one man against the invader.

CHRISTMAS

AND

NEW YEAR

HAMPERS

NO. 1 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne }
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin } \$20.00
1 " Black & White Whisky }

NO. 2 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne }
1 " Black & White Whisky } \$25.00
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin }
1 " Hunt's Manzanilla Sherry }

NO. 3 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne }
1 " Black & White Whisky } \$35.00
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin }
1 " Hunt's Vino de Paeto Sherry }
1 " Sandeman's One Star Port }
1 pint Gordon's Creme de Menthe }

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Uganda Xmas Box Fund

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A special Christmas Box Fund has been opened in Uganda, and a sum of £700 was collected on the first day. The money will be given unconditionally to the peoples of Britain and Greece.

Southampton, through its mayor, has sent its thanks to the Lord Mayor of London for a gift of £10,000 for the relief of air-raid victims.

This money from the Lord Mayor of London comes from a fund which received contributions from all over the world and all

BIG RUMANIAN OIL FIRE

ROME Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A large fire broke out in the Rumanian oil zone in Prahova valley, according to a Bucharest despatch to the official News Agency, which adds that all officials and workmen connected with the oil wells there have been placed under preventive arrest, pending investigation.

German troops co-operated with the Rumanian authorities in tackling the fire.

most 2,450,000 has already been distributed to those made homeless in the indiscriminate Nazi air raids.

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GREATST COLLECTION OF RARITIES IN TOWN! LAMMETT'S AUCTION ROOM (Ground Floor, 110, Nathan Road, Tel. 3077).

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 11, 1940.

On London:—
Telegraphic Transfer 1/5 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/5 7/8
Credits 4 months sight

On Shanghai:—
On demand 380
On Singapore:—
On demand 59 3/4
On Japan:—
On demand 101
On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
On demand 82 1/2
On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/8
On Batavia:—
On demand 43 3/4
On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
Credits 4 months sight Nom.
On Saigon:—
On demand 101 1/2
On Manila:—
On demand 46 3/4
On Bangkok:—
On demand 147 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
December 11.
Silver prices rose 3/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 1/16 for Ready and 23 for Forward. Silver advances reported a small business. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December-January, buyers at 1/3-1/32 Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 23 5/8, buyers at 23 1/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was arranged early in the morning at 397 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 397 1/2, buyers at 398.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 349/64. Subsequently the rate rose to 325/32. Last advances indicated sellers at 349/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers were quoted at the opening at 515/16 for Spot and later the rate rose to 531/32. Last advances indicated sellers at 515/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 11 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-11/16	0/3-11/16
New York	5-3/4	5-3/4
Japan	24-3/8	24-3/8
India	20-3/8 N	20-3/8 N
Hongkong	24-1/2	24-1/2

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-25/32	0/3-49/64
Dec.	0/3-25/32	0/3-49/64
Jan.	0/3-49/64	0/3-49/64

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	\$5-31/32	\$5-15/16
Dec.	\$5-31/32	\$5-15/16
Jan.	\$5-15/16	\$5-15/16

Market: Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 2 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 10 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 10 (Reuters).

Silver—Speculative support encountered limited offerings. Business very small. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was steady, with buyers satisfied and no business.

Spot, 23-1/16d.

Forward, 23d.

LONDON METALS

EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 10 (Reuters).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 2257.

Tin Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, 2250-7/8.

Market steady.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 10, 1940.

	Previous	Dec. 10	Change
SINGAPORE RUBBER			
Close buyers	38-7/8	39 cts.	up 1/8
Open buyers	38-1/8	38-1/4	up 1/8
Close sellers	38-7/8	37	up 1/8

S P O T

	Previous	Dec. 10	Change
JAN-MARCH	11-7/8	11-15/16	up 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	12	12-1/16	up 1/16
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/16	12-3/16	unch.
OCT-DEC.	12-1/4	12-1/4	
JAN-MARCH	12-1/8	12-1/8	

The market was quiet but steady.

NEW YORK COTTON: Because of the lifting influence of the loan, any decline would be moderate and temporary. We would maintain long position.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Featureless but short side unattractive.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 131.46; Today's close, 131.37; Change, off .09.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.24	10.20	10.20	.02 off
New York Rubber, March	20.55	20.52	20.55	unch.
Chicago Wheat, May	86 1/2	85 3/8	86	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	61	59 1/2	60 1/4	1 up
New York Hides, March	12.64	12.47	12.64	.12 off

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
Dec. (New contract)	10.18/18	10.17/17	10.18/17	.03 off
January	10.11	10.08/10a	10.07/07	.04 off
March	10.22/23	10.22/22	10.20/20	.03 off
May	10.14/15	10.14/14	10.11/11	.03 off
July	9.97/97	9.97/97	9.94 N	.01 off
October	9.39/39	9.39/41	9.38 N	.01 off
Spot	10.18 N		10.17 N	.01 off

Total sales Monday:—81,000 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
January	20.75 N	unquoted	20.74b	.01 off
March	20.55 B	20.80b/85a	20.55/55	unch.
May	20.35/35	20.40b/45a	20.34b	.01 off
July (New contract)	20.15 B	20.15b/30a	20.14b	.01 off

Total sales:—80 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	1 up
July	81 1/8	81 1/8	82 1/2	1 up

Monday's sales:—7,475,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	60a	60/60	60 1/4	1 up
July	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	12.64b	12.64/64	12.52b	.12 off
June	12.45b	12.45b/55a	12.22/23	.17 off

Total sales for the day:—94 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

LONDON STOCK

EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan 3 1/2% (Red. after 1952) 102 1/2

Defence Loan 3% 101

London-Klondike Rly. 3% 13

Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 42

Chinese 4 1/2% Anglo-French 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 45

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan 1912 25

Chinese 5% Reck. Loan 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 33

Chinese 8% Ster. Notes 1925 (Vickers) 10

China Imperial Rly. 5% 47

Hongkong Rly. 5% 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue) 15

Hukuang Rly. 5% 1911 (German Issue) 13

Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913 14

Shanghai-Nanking Rly. 5% 15

Mentain-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.) 15

Mentain-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan) 15

Jap. 6% Ster. Loan 1924 31

Ger. 7% Intl. Loan 1924 54

Chartered Bank 7 1/2 7 1/2

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 77

H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.) 80

Chinese Eng. & Mining (Bearers) 16/3

Chosen Corporation 4/-

Merehan Bank of India 10 1/2

2 1/2% "G" 2/-

Pekin Syndicate 2/-

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 11, 1940.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
	Dec. 10		Dec. 10
Adams Express	64	Loew's Inc.	30 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	20
Allis-Chalmers	34	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	71	Martin, Glen L.	33
Amer. Can.	87	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26
American-Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	1	Mt. Airy Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	14 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	15 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	19 1/2	National Distillers	23 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	64	National Lead	17 1/2
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	45	Nat. Power & Light	7
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	170 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	59	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Waterworks	7 1/2	N. American Aviation	17
Anacosta Copper	27 1/2	Northern American Co.	16 1/2
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	18 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	4 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	17	Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	34	Packard Motors	31
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2	Pan-American Airways	18
Barnwell Oil	6 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33	Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	87 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	4
Bills & Co.	15 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40
Boeing Airplane Co.	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Borg-Warner	20 1/2	Pullman Inc.	28 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	25 1/2	Pure Oil	8
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	5
Canadian Pacific R'way	34	Reading Company, Com	13 1/2
Cash, J.I.	27 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2
Celanese	43 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	8
Chesapeake & Ohio	76 1/2	Republic Steel	22 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	41	Revere Corp.	11
Columbia Gas & Elec.	41	Reynold Tobac. "B"	42 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	30 1/2	Safeway Stores	10 1/2
Consolidated Edison	10 1/2	Schenley Distillers	124
Continental Can	21 1/2	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Continental Oil	5 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11
Continental Can	37 1/2	Soco-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Continental Oil	19 1/2	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Southern Rly 5% pfd.	21
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	25
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Standard Brands	35
Deere & Co.	20 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	1
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18 1/2	Standard Oil of California	17 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	78 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
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Eagle Richer Lead	10 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	10 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Elec. Antioch	35 1/2	Technicolor	6 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	4	Texas Corp.	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pt.	58	Texas Gulf Sulphur	36 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pt.	65 1/2	Timken-Axle	28 1/2
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pt.	31 1/2	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Flintkote	16 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	58
Gen. American Trans.	56 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2
Gen. Electric	32 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	7 1/2
Gen. Motors	49 1/2	Union Pacific	18 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	United Aircraft	42 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	16 1/2
Gillette Co.	14 1/2	United Corp.	27 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Corp., \$3 cum pt.	1 1/2
Goodrich 3 1/2	62 1/2	United Gas Corp.	3 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	United Gas Improvement	9 1/2
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Great Northern Rly. pfd.	26 1/2	U.S. Rubber	23 1/2
Great Western Sugar	21 1/2	U.S. Rubber \$3 pfd.	87 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	U.S. Smelting	68
Hercules Powder Co.	71	U.S. Steel	69 1/2
Homestead Mining	51 1/2	Vanadium	33 1/2
Int Nickel	24 1/2	Vultee Aircraft	8 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	16 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2	Warner Bros. Pict.	31
Kennecott Copper	35	Westinghouse Elec.	10 1/2
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HERR HITLER'S SPEECH REGARDED AS PEP TALK

SIGNIFICANT ABSENCE OF RUDOLF HESS

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Herr Hitler's speech in Berlin yesterday was pitched in a distinctly minor key and the whole tone of the speech was defensive rather than aggressive, as are his usual tirades, writes Reuter's Chief Diplomatic correspondent.

(There was less of the customary indisputable evidence to the con-
boasting and, strangely feature of
all, he referred, albeit rhetorically,
ly, to two dramatic possibilities—
of defeat, which he said would
mean "the end not only of our
socialist system but also of the
German people, and of the possi-
bility of an attempt by Britain
to gain a footing on the Con-
tinent.

Emphasis of the double effects
of defeat is significant, for it
admits a distinction between
Nazism and the German people
which most Nazis would hesitate
to confirm.

TERRORISTIC RAIDS DEFENDED
Hitler's defence of unrestricted
bombing of open towns follows
the lines of Goebbels propaganda.
It was always the other side
that began it, although there is

One revealing passage showed
that despite his ignorance of
foreign languages Hitler must be
informed of opinions regarding
him expressed abroad.

VIOLENT REACTION

This was his outburst about
the suggestion that he suffers
from an inferiority complex.
The violence of his reaction
suggests that the accusation
touched him "on the raw."

Another detail that may or may
not be significant was the absence
from the meeting of Rudolf Hess,
the deputy leader, who has not
been heard since the bombing of
the Munich beer cellar when he
spoke in the name of the Fuehrer.

"PEP TALK"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—
Herr Hitler's speech is regarded
here as a "pep talk" to munitions
workers, and secondly a challenge
to the rest of the world, whether
belligerent or not, which oppose
Nazi economics.

Hitler's announcement of war
on capitalism everywhere is taken
here as aimed chiefly at Britain
and the United States and as
final recognition that America, if
not belligerent, is really in the war
with Britain.

It is also considered significant
that German workers needed such
a "pep talk" particularly such a
lengthy one.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory.

10 a.m., Dec. 11.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.15

ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 60 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.N.E.

Wind Force (Beaufort) 3.

Temperature—maximum yesterday,

75 F.

Temperature; Minimum last night,

66 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th

today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st,

117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 34.51 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.40 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.53 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 11.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.08 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 55 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Maximum temperature, 75 F.

Minimum temperature, 66 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 12 to 18 Dec. 1940.

Days of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thur.	12	h. m.	2.6	h. m.	2.6
		08 50	4.6	02 06	2.6
		19 26	7.1	13 07	3.3
Fri.	13	09 07	4.6	02 43	2.1
		20 03	7.4	13 41	3.3
Sat.	14	09 50	4.7	03 22	1.6
		20 35	7.7	14 18	3.4
Sun.	15	10 28	4.7	03 58	1.2
		21 08	8.1	14 50	3.4
Mon.	16	11 08	4.7	04 26	0.9
		21 41	8.2	15 23	3.5
Tues.	17	11 48	4.7	05 15	0.7
		22 20	8.2	15 55	3.6
Wed.	18	12 32	4.8	05 54	0.7
		23 05	7.9	16 34	3.6

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Achievements Of British A.A. Gunners

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—
Some achievements of Britain's
anti-aircraft defences are revealed
by the War Office announcing
awards of the O.B.E. to Lt.-Col.
Norman Vause Sadler, commander
of the anti-aircraft defences at
Dover and East Kent, which have
shot down 80 enemy planes during
the last five months; and the Mil-
lary Cross to 2nd-Lt. Patrick
Valon Bennett, whose heavy anti-
aircraft section of the Royal Artil-
lery brought down 12 enemy planes
during the last four months.

U.S. To Study Empire Air Training Scheme

OTTAWA, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—
Lieut.-Colonel Wamamaker and
Lieut.-Colonel Taylor of the United
States Air Arm, have arrived here
on a tour of the Dominion to
study the Empire Air Training
scheme with a view to incorporating
features of it in the American
training programme.

They said that the United States
coastal defence scheme will en-
gage a force of 25,000 fully trained
pilots of the naval air arm alone
by 1944.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following unclaimed tele-
grams from Shanghai are lying at
the office of the Great Northern
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Feng Chiu-lit, c/o Man Kwok
Boarding House, Norman Cleveley,
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Hongkong Hotel; Ho Tak-shing,
c/o Chang Yung, 449 Hennessy
Road, 3rd floor.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of
Notifiable Diseases notified as
having occurred in the Colony
during the 24 hours ended mid-

night, Dec. 10:—Cholera, one
case; Enteric fever, one case; one
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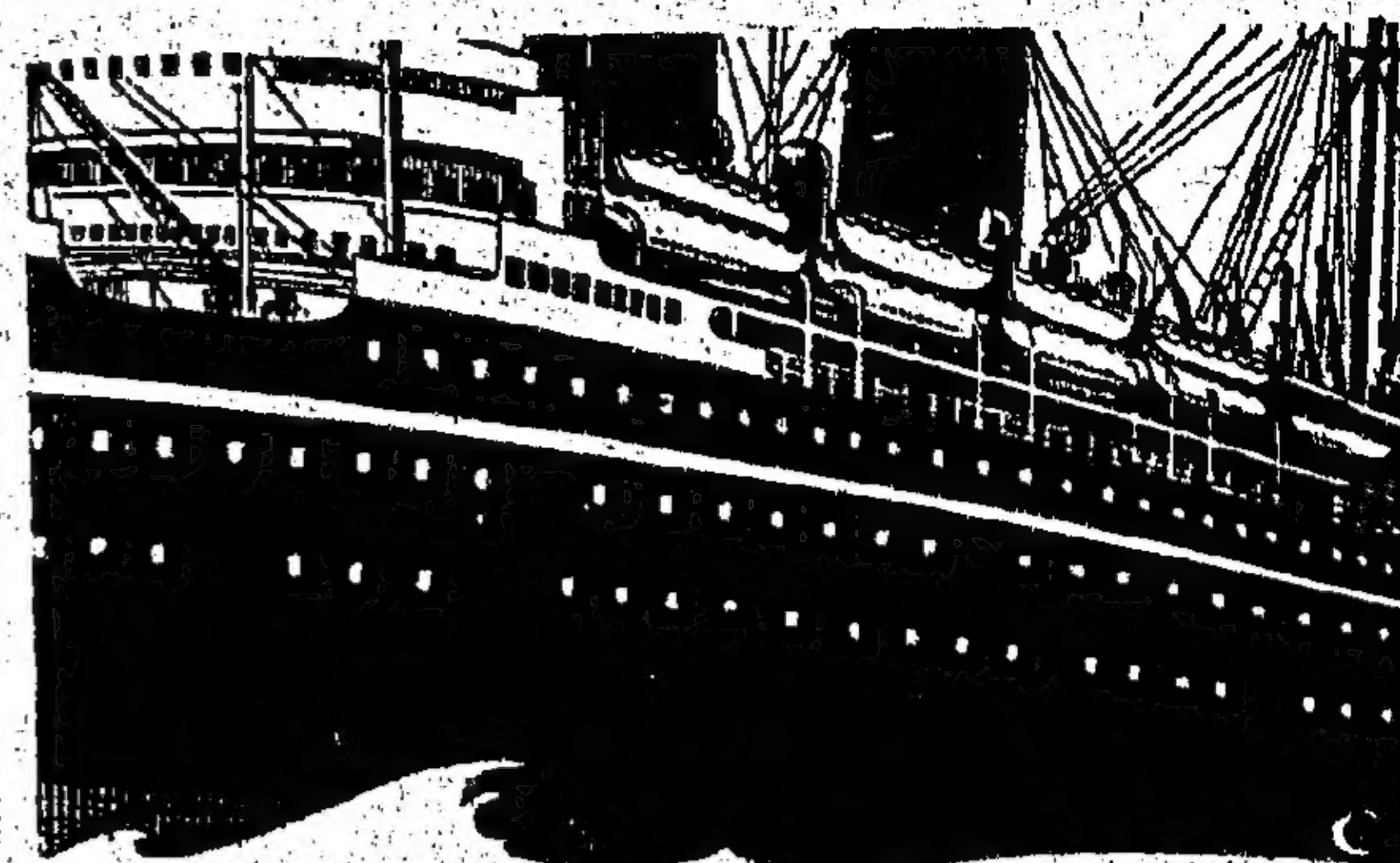
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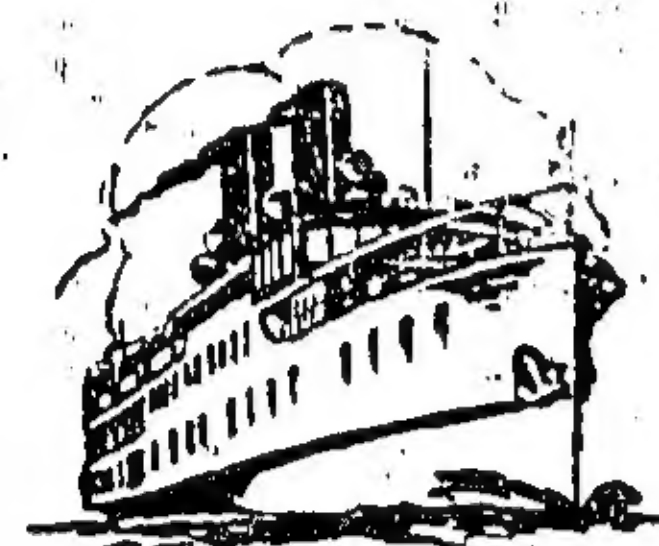
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SUB-COMMITTEE
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It was revealed at the F. A. Council meeting yesterday that the H.K.F.A. had sent an invitation to the Shanghai F.A. to visit the Colony during the Chinese New Year holidays.

A reply from the secretary of the Shanghai F.A. acknowledging the receipt of the letter was read. The matter, the latter stated, was being put forward to the next meeting.

Despite no definite answer being received the Council decided to proceed with arrangements and, with this in view, an Interport Sub-committee was appointed as follows:—

Messrs. W. E. Hollands, C. Guim-gan, J. Skinner, W. H. Chen, R. M. Omar, J. McKelvie and Capt. A. W. F. Feal.

LEE TAK-KEE NETS FOUR

South China Beat Royal Navy

In a friendly football game played at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon, a combined South China team of senior and junior players defeated the Royal Navy by six goals to two, after leading in the first half by three clear goals.

Lee Tak-kee, centre-forward, netted in four times while Chee Wing-keung and Lee Din-kee were the other scorers. Hendy and Barber replied for the Navy.

The teams were:—
South China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Hui Fok-yuen, Wong Shin-kee; Tse Kam-hung, Lam Tak-po, Ho Lok-kee; Chin Chi-fai, Lai Chung-yin (Chen Wing-keung in 2nd half); Lee Tak-kee, Chee Wing-keung (Lee Din-kee in 2nd half) and Leung Ping-kun.

Navy:—Robinson; Roughley, Britt; Honeywell, Croft, Hawkins; Philippe Le Page, Hendy, Birch and Barber.

KING'S COLLEGE SPEECH DAY

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mentally, physically and morally, and there can be very little wrong with it if these three aspects of its life are so flourishing.

In congratulating Mr. Wallington's report, to wit, the share of the credit which is due to his staff. They have achieved what we should all hope to do in war, when a very special extra effort is required from all of us; they have carried out their own task most satisfactorily and in addition have done their duty in shouldering their share of the Volunteer activities for the defence of the Colony in an emergency.

SCOUT TROOP

I must refer to one point in Mr. Wallington's report, to wit, the Scout Troop. Should an emergency occur the Boy Scout organisation is going to have an outstanding opportunity of playing its part in the very best type of Scout work for the good of the community.

It would be a pity if King's College, which has showed already so excellent a spirit in voluntary work, should not play its full part here; if it is to do so it will be necessary to expand the present strength of its Scout Troop and for this purpose it seems necessary to organise a supply of more Scouters to train it.

PUBLIC-SPRITED ACT

Now I want to express my great appreciation of the generosity of Mr. Li Po-chun, who, as you have heard, has provided no less than ten new scholarships to the School. This is indeed a wise and public-spirited act of generosity, and one of which the donor may well be proud.

Finally I will conclude this brief address with an item which seldom fails to go with a swing in any school in any part of the world; and that is to request Mr. Wallington to grant the School a holiday to celebrate this occasion as a mark of my satisfaction of an excellent year's work by the whole team, Principal, staff and boys. His Excellency then gave away the prizes.

Opportunity Presented By Greek Successes Well Taken By Wavell's Forces

MUSSOLINI'S DESPERATE POSITION: WHAT CAN HITLER DO?

"Six months ago to the very day after Signor Mussolini entered the war, our Empire forces in Egypt began to advance against him—an advance which has been well timed and, in its preliminary stage, more successful than we could expect", said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, political commentator, in a talk in London yesterday on the latest developments in international affairs.

Mr. Lakin quoted what Signor Mussolini had said on that day—that he solemnly undertook not to involve any other countries in the hostilities. "He must be wishing now that he had kept his word", said Mr. Lakin, and went on to point out that General Sir Archibald Wavell's forces had taken advantage of the opportunity presented them by the Greek successes with precision and with good results.

The speaker referred to the position of Britain six months ago after the collapse of France as nearly desperate and stated that Signor Mussolini must certainly have thought that both France and Britain were down and out when he ventured on his Greek campaign.

"He miscalculated about us, just as he has miscalculated about the Greeks", said Mr. Lakin, "and we have every right to pride in the fact that we have overcome those obstacles in front of us to take the offensive. Many of us had hoped and even pressed for it, but Mr. Churchill explained the immediate difficulties yesterday."

TWO THINGS

"We here, although we may have been impatient, have realised two things about our Prime Minister. He knows the facts and he was the most anxious of us all to take the offensive. Someone remarked the other day that 'Winnie' is the most offensively minded of the lot', so now we know that the caution was wise."

"So far we have every reason to be pleased", said Mr. Lakin. "The Greeks created most favourable conditions for our offensive. We have in the Middle East some of the finest troops in the world."

drawn from all parts of the British Commonwealth and the Free French Forces. They have countered the threat to Alexandria and have turned the tables on Signor Mussolini.

"We are not, however, taking anything for granted. So far we have only engaged the Italian advance forces and we cannot expect a speedy rout of the Italian Army, which is no doubt superior in numbers to our own. This time Italy has got really a bad blow and Mussolini's position is more desperate. How long will he be able to hold out? What can Herr Hitler do about it?"

CURIOUS SPEECH

Mr. Lakin went on to state that Herr Hitler's speech made no mention of this subject at all and declared that the German Fuehrer's speech was a most curious speech. The reason why he had not mentioned France or his conquered continent was that he was at the moment enunciating his views of the "right to live". Any mention of the conquered countries would thus have appeared grotesque.

Herr Hitler's speech was also an attempt to create internal division in Great Britain. It was an amateur attempt, for the people of Britain were more united in their purpose than ever.

Badminton Results

Following are the results of "B" Division Badminton League matches played last evening:—
Section "A":—Chung Wah beat Club de Recreo, 7-2; Section "B": K.C.C. beat Police, 7-2; Kowloon Tong beat St. Andrew's, 6-3.

FRIENDLY MATCH

A friendly badminton match between the girls' teams of the Jewish Club and V.R.C. was played last evening, the former winning by five sets to four.

Miss L. Berkovitch was the most outstanding player in the match.

New Chinese Club Admitted To Play In Junior Shield

At the meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Football Association yesterday, the Chinese Amateur Sports Club were admitted to the Junior Shield competition.

Application from the 8th R. A. and 24th R. A. to enter the Senior Shield was considered by the Council and, after discussion, they were admitted on the understanding that they play as Combined R. A. and that players taking part in the Senior Shield would not be eligible for their artillery teams in the Junior Shield.

It was decided that a match between Combined Chinese and Rest of the Colony, in aid of the B. W. O. F. and Bomber Fund be played on Jan. 1, at Sookanpoo.

Permission was granted to South China A. A. to visit Manila during February.

MACAO INTERPORT. The fifth interport match between the Colony and Macao, which is to be played in the Portuguese Colony, will take place on April 20.

A donation of \$150 was granted to the Health and Medical Department who will be playing their annual match on the Club ground on Dec. 15, at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Wong Ka-tsun (Chairman) presided, assisted by Mr. C. A. Goldenberg (Secretary). Others

£25 GRANT TO COURTNEY

In appreciation of his good work on behalf of the Hongkong Football Association, Pte. Courtney, of the Middlesex Regiment, has been given a grant of £25.

Courtney, who formerly played for the Middlesex first eleven, was always well-known for his good sportsmanship and was a fine footballer.

Courtney lost the sight of one eye through a motor accident in the Colony and was sent home for treatment. He was last reported to be in St. Dunstan's Home, England.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

In response to a petition of the Kwangtung Provisional People's Political Council, the Kwangtung Provincial Government has circulated all district authorities instructing that compulsory education for girls be introduced in the province.

All schools, according to the circular order, should admit as many girl students as possible. Parents who fail to send their daughters to school when they reach school age will be cautioned. (Central News).

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 75 and the minimum 56. Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.51 inches.

The Royal Observatory report states:—
The anticyclone continues to increase in intensity, and now covers the whole of China, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

The China Sea depression appears to be filling up about 300 miles W.S.W. of Manila.

The Pacific depression or typhoon is centred about 300 miles W.N.W. of Guam, moving W.

present were Messrs. Souza, W. E. Hollands, Walter Hambling, Chen Mok Hing, Capt. Peal, Lieut. Cooper, P. O. Brown, J. McKelvie, J. Skinner, T. G. Stokes, R. M. Omar, W. N. Brown, and C. Guim-gan.

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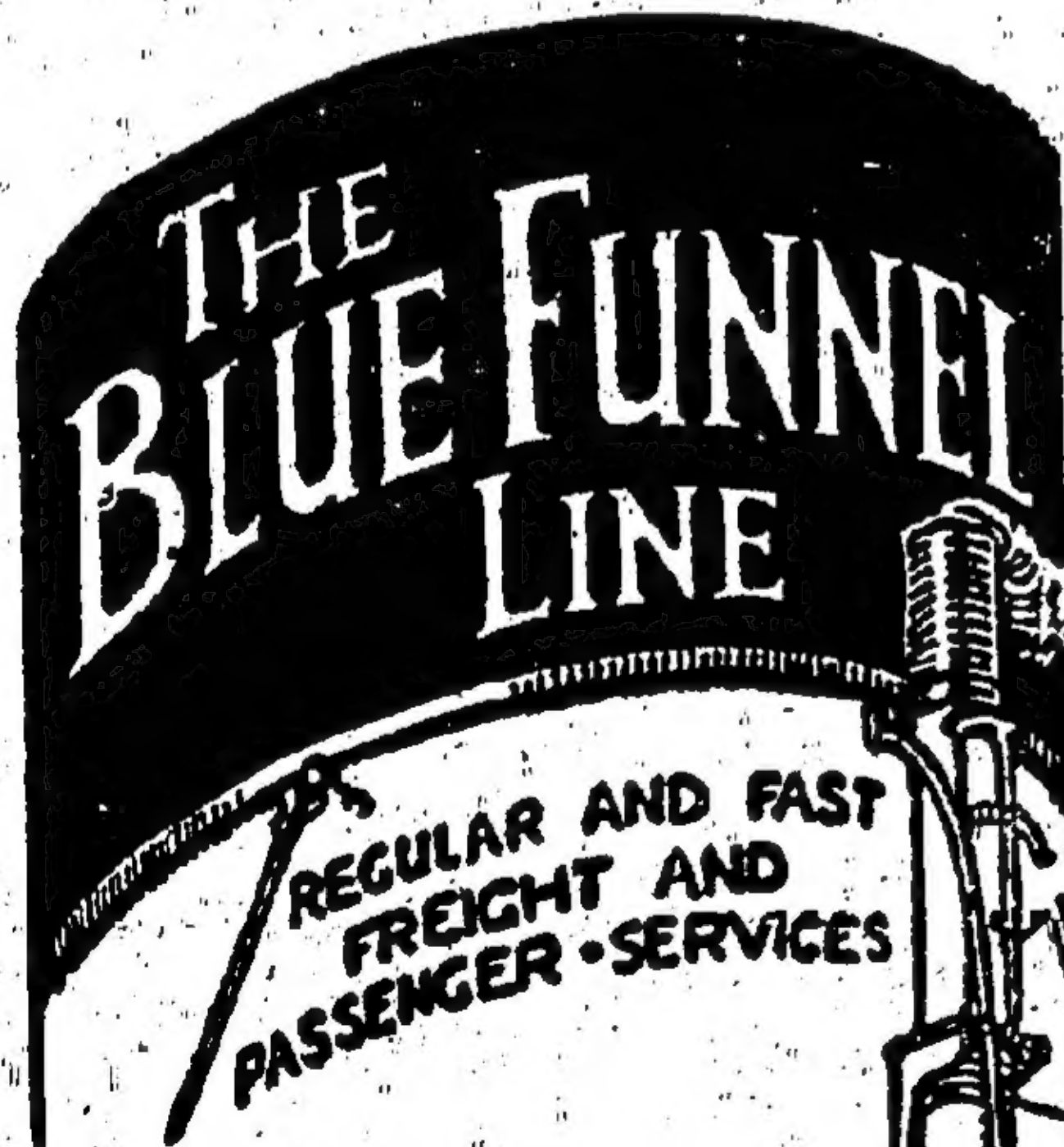
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Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
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THURSDAY	
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